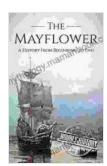
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The Mayflower was a 17th-century English ship that transported the Pilgrims, a group of English Separatists, to the New World in 1620. The Mayflower's voyage was a pivotal event in American history, as it led to the founding of the Plymouth Colony, the first permanent English settlement in North America.

The Pilgrims

The Pilgrims were a group of English Separatists who had fled England in search of religious freedom. They believed that the Church of England was corrupt and that they should be able to worship God in their own way. The Pilgrims first settled in the Netherlands, but they soon decided to move to

the New World, where they hoped to establish a new society based on their own religious principles.

The Mayflower

The Mayflower was a three-masted merchant ship that was built in 1609. It was not a particularly large ship, measuring only about 100 feet long and 27 feet wide. However, it was large enough to carry the Pilgrims and their supplies across the Atlantic Ocean.

The Voyage

The Mayflower set sail from Plymouth, England, on September 6, 1620. There were 102 passengers and 30 crew members on board. The voyage was long and difficult. The ship was battered by storms and the passengers and crew suffered from seasickness and other illnesses. One passenger, a young boy named John Howland, fell overboard but was miraculously saved.

On November 9, 1620, after a voyage of 66 days, the Mayflower finally arrived at Cape Cod. The Pilgrims had originally intended to sail to Virginia, but they were blown off course by the storms. They decided to settle at Plymouth, which they named after the English port from which they had sailed.

The Compact

Before disembarking from the Mayflower, the Pilgrims drew up a document known as the Mayflower Compact. The Compact was a self-governing agreement that established a government for the new colony. It was signed by 41 of the Mayflower passengers and it became the basis for the laws of the Plymouth Colony.

The First Winter

The Pilgrims' first winter in Plymouth was harsh. They were unprepared for

the cold and lack of food. Many of them died from disease or starvation.

However, they were helped by the Wampanoag Indians, who taught them

how to survive in the New World.

Thanksgiving

In the fall of 1621, the Pilgrims held a three-day feast to celebrate their first

harvest in the New World. This feast became known as Thanksgiving and it

is still celebrated in the United States today.

Legacy

The Mayflower's voyage was a pivotal event in American history. It led to

the founding of the Plymouth Colony, the first permanent English settlement

in North America. The Pilgrims' experience in the New World would shape

the course of American history.

The Mayflower's voyage was a story of courage, perseverance, and faith.

The Pilgrims were a group of people who were willing to risk everything for

their beliefs. They left their homes and families to journey to a new world,

where they hoped to establish a new society based on their own religious

principles. The Mayflower's voyage was not an easy one, but it was a

successful one. The Pilgrims arrived in the New World and founded a new

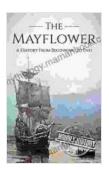
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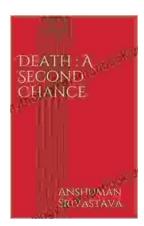
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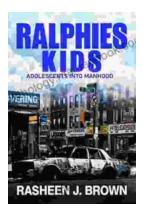
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