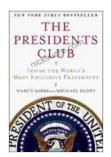
# Inside the World's Most Exclusive Fraternity: Skull and Bones

#### The History of Skull and Bones

Skull and Bones is a secret society at Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut. It was founded in 1832 by William Huntington Russell and Alphonso Taft as a senior society for the top 15 members of the Yale College class. The society is known for its secrecy and exclusivity, and its members have included many notable figures in American history, including presidents, senators, and judges.

The society's rituals and traditions are largely unknown, but it is said that members meet in a windowless building called the "Tomb" on Yale's campus. The society's symbol is a skull and crossbones, and its motto is "322." The society's members are known as "Bonesmen," and they are said to have a close-knit network of friends and connections that extends beyond the university.



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#### The Members of Skull and Bones

The members of Skull and Bones are all male Yale undergraduates. They are typically chosen for their academic achievements, leadership skills, and social connections. The society's membership is highly selective, and only a small number of students are invited to join each year. The society's alumni include many notable figures in American history, including:

- William Howard Taft, 27th President of the United States
- George H. W. Bush, 41st President of the United States
- John Kerry, former Secretary of State
- David Rockefeller, former CEO of Chase Manhattan Bank
- Steven Spielberg, film director

#### The Secrecy of Skull and Bones

Skull and Bones is one of the most secretive societies in the world. Its rituals and traditions are largely unknown, and its members are sworn to secrecy. The society's secrecy has led to much speculation and conspiracy theories, and it has been the subject of numerous books, articles, and documentaries.

Some of the most common conspiracy theories about Skull and Bones include:

That the society is a front for a powerful cabal of international bankers.

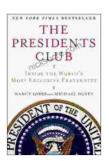
- That the society is a training ground for future leaders of the United States.
- That the society is involved in Satanic rituals.

### The Reality of Skull and Bones

The reality of Skull and Bones is probably much less sinister than the conspiracy theories suggest. The society is simply a group of Yale undergraduates who are close friends and who share a common interest in history and tradition. The society's secrecy is likely more about preserving its exclusivity and mystique than anything else.

Skull and Bones is a fascinating and unique organization. It is a reminder of the importance of tradition and secrecy in American society. The society's members are some of the most successful people in the world, and they have a close-knit network of friends and connections that extends beyond the university.

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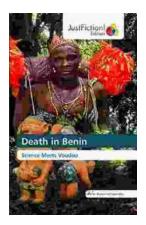
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