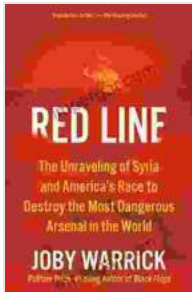


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In the summer of 2013, Syria was on the brink of collapse. The civil war had raged for two years, and the country was divided between the regime of President Bashar al-Assad and a loose coalition of rebel groups. The war had taken a heavy toll on the Syrian people, with hundreds of thousands dead and millions displaced. The international community was deeply concerned about the potential for the conflict to spill over into neighboring countries and to destabilize the entire region.

One of the most pressing concerns was the fate of Syria's chemical weapons stockpile. Syria was known to possess one of the largest stockpiles of chemical weapons in the world, including sarin, VX, and mustard gas. The use of these weapons would have had devastating

consequences, and the international community was determined to prevent it.

In August 2013, the Syrian government used chemical weapons against its own people in the town of Ghouta. The attack killed hundreds of people, including many children. The international community was outraged, and the United States and its allies began to prepare for a military strike against Syria.

However, at the last minute, Russia intervened and proposed a diplomatic solution. Russia convinced Syria to agree to give up its chemical weapons stockpile, and the United States and its allies agreed to stand down.

The agreement was a major diplomatic victory, but it was also a daunting challenge. Syria had never before allowed international inspectors to enter its chemical weapons facilities, and the United States and its allies had no idea how much chemical weapons Syria actually possessed or where it was stored.

Despite these challenges, the United States and its allies worked quickly to secure and destroy Syria's chemical weapons stockpile. In just nine months, they完成了这项任务, which was a remarkable achievement.

The destruction of Syria's chemical weapons stockpile was a major victory for the international community. It prevented the use of these deadly weapons and it helped to bring the Syrian civil war to an end.

David Ignatius's book, *The Unraveling of Syria and America's Race to Destroy the Most Dangerous Arsenal*, is a gripping account of this extraordinary mission. Ignatius draws on exclusive interviews with key

players in the operation, including President Obama, Secretary of State John Kerry, and General Martin Dempsey, to provide a firsthand account of the high-stakes diplomacy and military planning that went into this extraordinary mission.

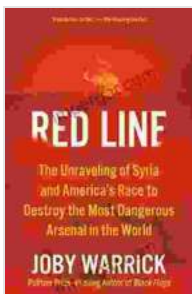
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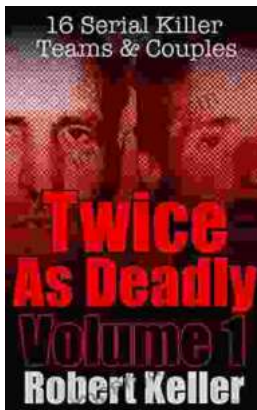
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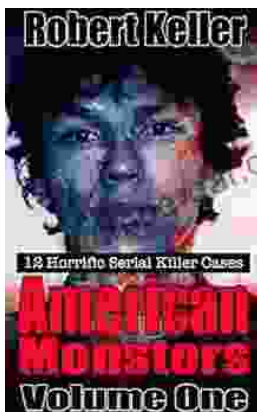
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