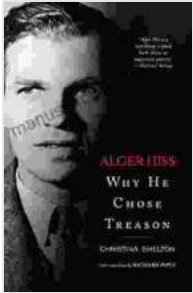


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Alger Hiss was a brilliant young diplomat who seemed to have everything going for him. He was a graduate of Harvard Law School, had served as a State Department official, and was a close advisor to President Franklin D. Roosevelt. But in 1948, Hiss was accused of being a Soviet spy. He was convicted of perjury in 1950 and sentenced to five years in prison. Hiss always maintained his innocence, but the evidence against him was overwhelming.

In his new book, *Alger Hiss: Why He Chose Treason*, journalist John Chabot Smith draws on a wealth of new evidence to reveal the truth about Hiss, his motivations, and the tragic consequences of his actions. Smith argues that Hiss was a committed communist who believed that the United States was a threat to world peace. Hiss's treason, Smith writes, was not a betrayal of his country but an act of conscience.

Smith's book is a meticulously researched and highly readable account of one of the most infamous espionage cases in American history. He provides a detailed account of the evidence against Hiss, as well as Hiss's own defense. Smith also explores the political and cultural context of the Cold War, which he argues played a significant role in Hiss's decision to betray his country.

*Alger Hiss: Why He Chose Treason* is a fascinating and thought-provoking book that sheds new light on one of the most controversial figures in American history. Smith's book is a must-read for anyone interested in the Cold War, espionage, or American history.

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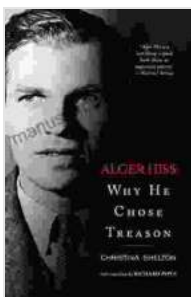
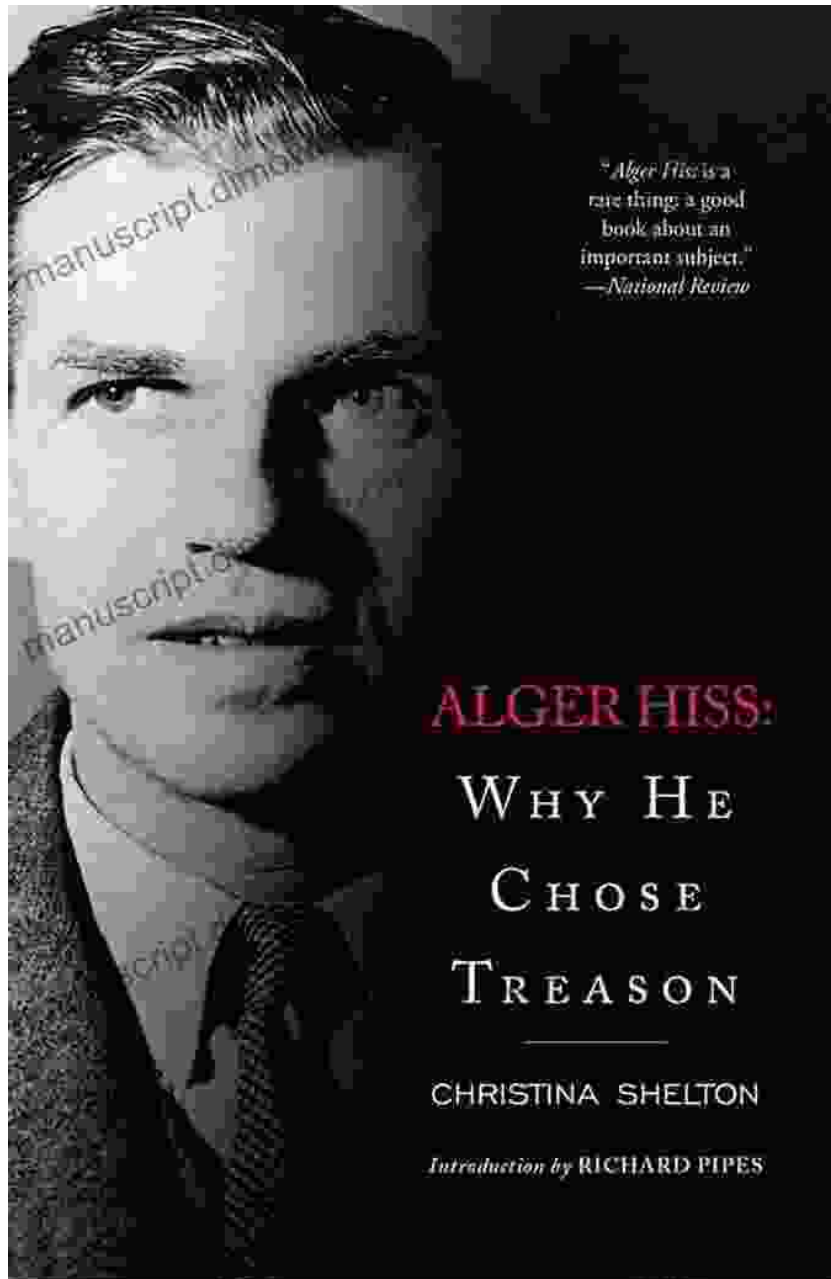
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