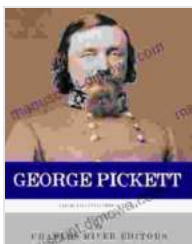


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Early Life and Military Career

George Edward Pickett was born on January 16, 1825, in Richmond, Virginia. His father was a successful businessman and his mother was a member of the prominent Carter family. Pickett received a classical education and graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point in 1846.

After graduation, Pickett served in the Mexican-American War and distinguished himself at the Battle of Buena Vista. He was promoted to captain in 1855 and resigned from the army in 1861 to join the Confederate States of America.

Civil War Service

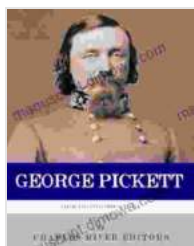
Pickett was appointed a brigadier general in the Confederate army and commanded a brigade at the First Battle of Bull Run. He was promoted to major general in 1862 and fought at the Battle of Fredericksburg and the Battle of Chancellorsville.

Pickett's most famous battle was the Battle of Gettysburg, fought on July 1-3, 1863. Pickett's division was tasked with leading the third and final day's assault on the Union center, known as Pickett's Charge. The charge was a disaster, with over half of Pickett's men killed or wounded.

Later Life and Legacy

After the Battle of Gettysburg, Pickett was transferred to the Western Theater of the war. He fought at the Battle of Chickamauga and the Battle of Chattanooga, but his reputation was forever tarnished by the failure of Pickett's Charge.

After the war, Pickett retired to Virginia and worked as a farmer and insurance agent. He died in 1875 at the age of 50. Pickett's legacy is a complex one. He was a brave and skilled soldier, but his reckless and impulsive nature led to the disaster at Gettysburg. Nevertheless, he remains a controversial and enigmatic figure in American history.



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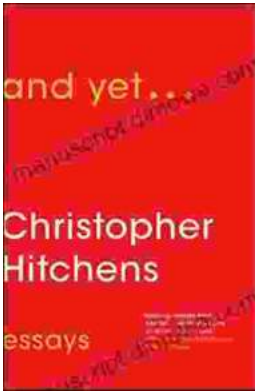
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