

# World War and the Birth of the NFL: How the War Transformed America's Greatest Game

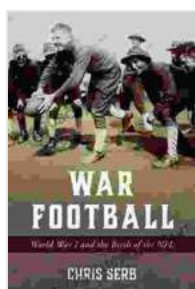
## The Impact of World War I on the NFL

World War I had a profound impact on the NFL. The war helped to spread the game to new parts of the world, and it also helped to create the conditions that led to the founding of the NFL.

## The Spread of Football

Before World War I, American football was a relatively minor sport. It was played at colleges and universities, but it was not yet a professional sport. However, the war changed everything.

During the war, thousands of young men from all over the United States were sent to Europe to fight. Many of these men had played football in college, and they continued to play the game while they were overseas.



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The popularity of football among American soldiers helped to spread the game to new parts of the world. After the war, many of these soldiers returned home and continued to play football. They also helped to organize new football teams and leagues.

## **The Founding of the NFL**

In 1920, the American Professional Football Association (APFA) was founded. The APFA was the forerunner of the NFL, and it was made up of teams from Ohio, Illinois, and Indiana.

The APFA quickly grew in popularity, and in 1922, it changed its name to the National Football League. The NFL continued to grow in popularity throughout the 1920s and 1930s.

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## **The NFL Today**

The NFL is one of the most popular sports leagues in the world, with millions of fans around the globe. The league consists of 32 teams, which are divided into two conferences: the National Football Conference (NFC) and the American Football Conference (AFC).

The NFL season runs from September to February, and each team plays 17 regular season games. The top teams from each conference advance to

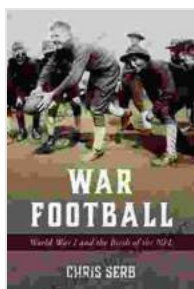
the playoffs, which culminate in the Super Bowl, the championship game of the NFL.

The NFL is a major part of American culture. The game is played on Sundays, and it is a popular pastime for families and friends. The NFL also has a significant economic impact, generating billions of dollars in revenue each year.

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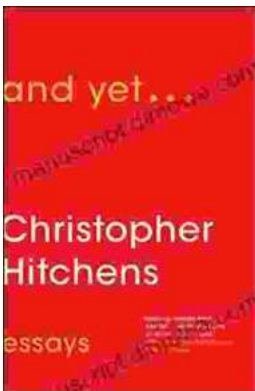
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