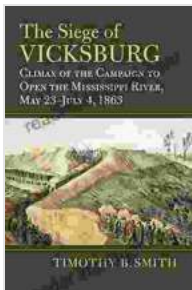


The Climax of the Campaign to Open the Mississippi River: May 23 - July 4, 1863

In the spring of 1863, the Union Army launched a major campaign to open the Mississippi River, which was controlled by the Confederate Army. The goal of the campaign was to capture the city of Vicksburg, Mississippi, which was a key strategic point on the river. The campaign was led by Ulysses S. Grant, and it involved a series of battles and sieges.

The campaign began on May 23, 1863, when Grant's army crossed the Mississippi River at Bruinsburg, Mississippi. Grant's army then marched inland and defeated the Confederate army at the Battle of Port Gibson on May 17. The Union army then continued to advance, and on May 22, it laid siege to Vicksburg.



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- The Battle of Jackson (May 14, 1863)
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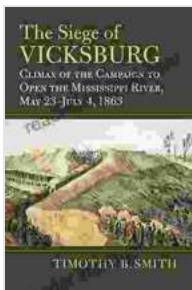
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