

# A Comprehensive Review of Reganland: America's Right Returns to Power, 1969-1980 by Rick Perlstein

Rick Perlstein's *Reganland: America's Right Returns to Power, 1969-1980* is a meticulously researched and engagingly written account of the rise of the American conservative movement and its eventual triumph with the election of Ronald Reagan in 1980.

## The Birth of the New Right

Perlstein traces the roots of the conservative resurgence to the 1960s, when a backlash against the social and cultural changes of the era began to emerge among white, middle-class Americans. He argues that the rise of the "New Right" was fueled by a number of factors, including:



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- The Supreme Court's decision in *Brown v. Board of Education*, which sparked a wave of resistance to school desegregation.
- The rise of the civil rights movement, which was seen by many conservatives as a threat to traditional values and institutions.
- The Vietnam War, which further polarized American society and deepened the divide between liberals and conservatives.

## **The Conservative Counterrevolution**

In the late 1960s and early 1970s, conservative activists began to organize and mobilize against the perceived threats to their way of life. They formed organizations such as the American Conservative Union and the Heritage Foundation, and they launched a series of campaigns to promote their agenda. These campaigns included:

- Efforts to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion.
- Support for school prayer and other measures designed to promote traditional values.
- Opposition to government regulation of business and the economy.

## **The Reagan Revolution**

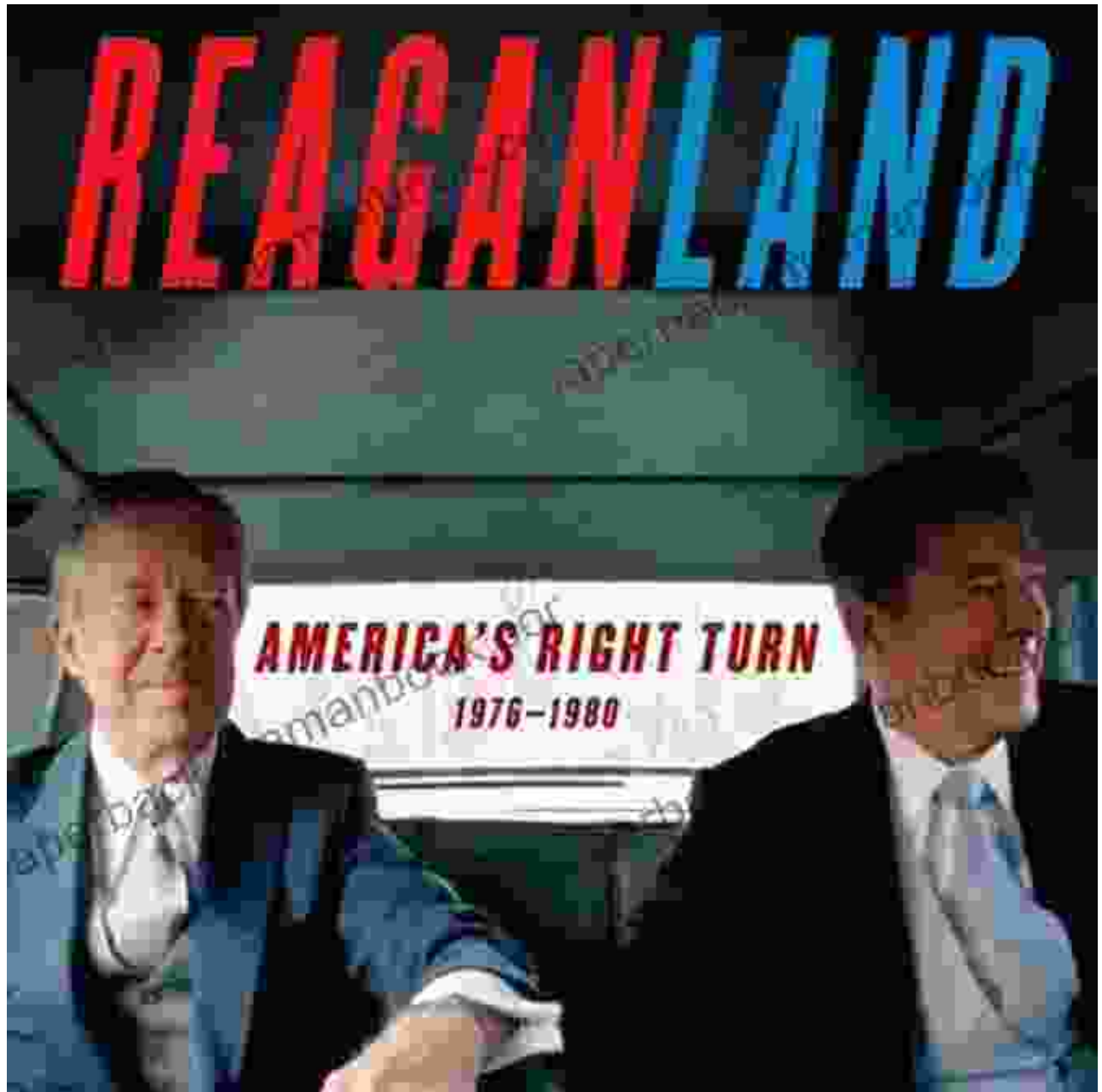
The conservative movement's efforts reached their culmination with the election of Ronald Reagan in 1980. Reagan was a charismatic leader who appealed to Americans' desire for a return to traditional values and a more prosperous economy. He implemented a series of policies that reflected the conservative agenda, including:

- Tax cuts that benefited the wealthy and corporations.
- Deregulation of the economy, which led to a surge in mergers and acquisitions.
- Increased military spending, which helped to fuel the arms race with the Soviet Union.

## **The Legacy of Reaganism**

Reagan's policies had a profound impact on American society. They helped to create a more conservative political climate, and they led to a widening gap between the rich and the poor. Reagan's legacy is still debated today, with some arguing that his policies helped to revitalize the American economy, while others argue that they exacerbated economic inequality.

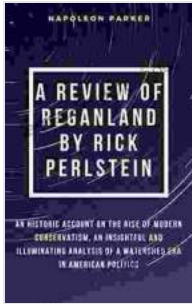
*Reganland* is a magisterial work that provides a comprehensive account of the rise of the American conservative movement. Perlstein's book is essential reading for anyone interested in understanding the history of American politics and the forces that have shaped our present-day society.



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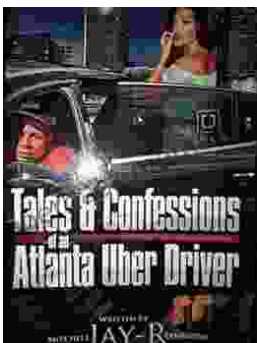
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