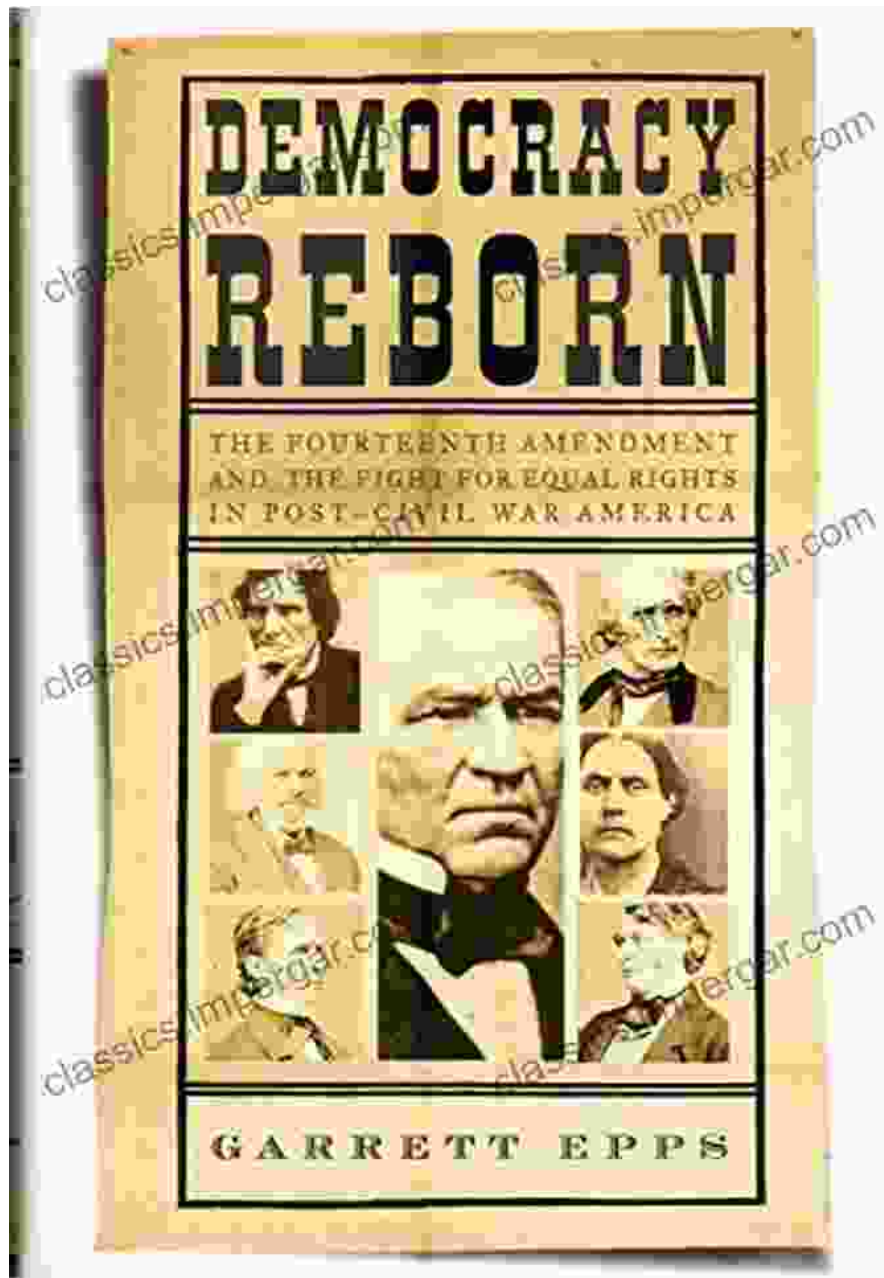
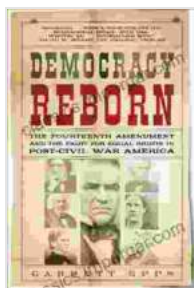


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The Civil War and the Reconstruction Era

The Civil War (1861-1865) was fought between the Union (the Northern states) and the Confederacy (the Southern states) over the issue of slavery. The Union victory in the war led to the abolition of slavery and the passage of the Thirteenth Amendment to the Constitution, which prohibited slavery. However, the end of the war did not end discrimination against African Americans. In the South, white Southerners passed laws that restricted the rights of African Americans, including the right to vote, serve on juries, and own property. These laws were known as "Black Codes."

The Reconstruction Era (1865-1877) was a period of time when the federal government tried to rebuild the South and protect the rights of African

Americans. During this time, Congress passed the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments to the Constitution. The Fourteenth Amendment granted citizenship to all persons born or naturalized in the United States, including former slaves. It also guaranteed equal protection under the law to all citizens. The Fifteenth Amendment prohibited states from depriving citizens of the right to vote based on race.

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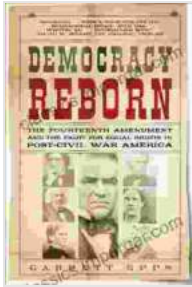
The Fourteenth Amendment has been used to protect the rights of African Americans, women, and other minority groups ever since it was ratified. In the 1896 case of *Plessy v. Ferguson*, the Supreme Court ruled that the Fourteenth Amendment did not prohibit segregation of public facilities. However, in the 1954 case of *Brown v. Board of Education*, the Supreme Court overturned *Plessy v. Ferguson* and ruled that school segregation was unconstitutional.

The Fourteenth Amendment has also been used to protect the rights of women. In the 1920 case of the Nineteenth Amendment, the Supreme Court ruled that women had the right to vote. In the 1973 case of *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court ruled that women had the right to an abortion.

The Fourteenth Amendment is a powerful tool that has been used to protect the rights of all Americans. It is a reminder that all citizens are equal under the law, and that no one should be denied their rights because of their race, sex, or other factors.

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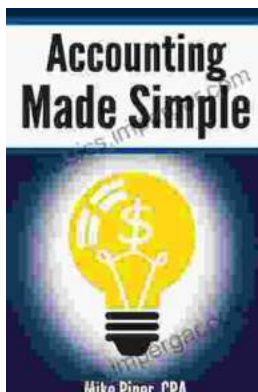


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