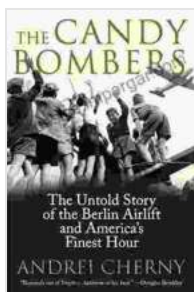


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The Berlin Airlift was one of the most daring and successful missions in the history of aviation. For almost a year, American and British pilots flew over

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The Berlin Blockade

The Berlin Blockade began on June 24, 1948, when the Soviet Union cut off all land and water routes into Berlin. The Soviets claimed that the blockade was necessary to protect their security interests, but it was clear that their real goal was to starve the city into submission.

The United States and its allies were outraged by the blockade. They knew that the Soviets were trying to drive them out of Berlin, and they were determined not to let them succeed.

The Berlin Airlift

The Berlin Airlift was launched on June 26, 1948, just two days after the Soviet blockade began. The United States and its allies flew over 200,000 flights into Berlin over the next 11 months, delivering food, fuel, and other supplies to the city's two million residents.

The airlift was a massive undertaking. At its peak, over 1,000 aircraft were involved in the operation, and over 200,000 tons of supplies were delivered to Berlin.

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The End of the Blockade

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The Legacy of the Berlin Airlift

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The airlift also had a lasting impact on Berlin. The city was rebuilt after the war, and it became a symbol of freedom and democracy in the heart of Europe.

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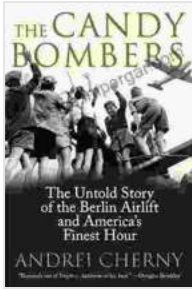
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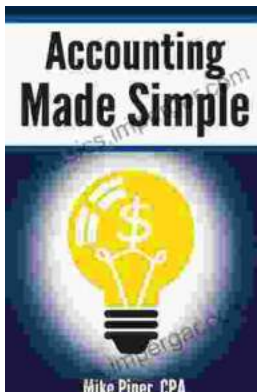
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