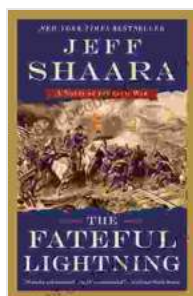
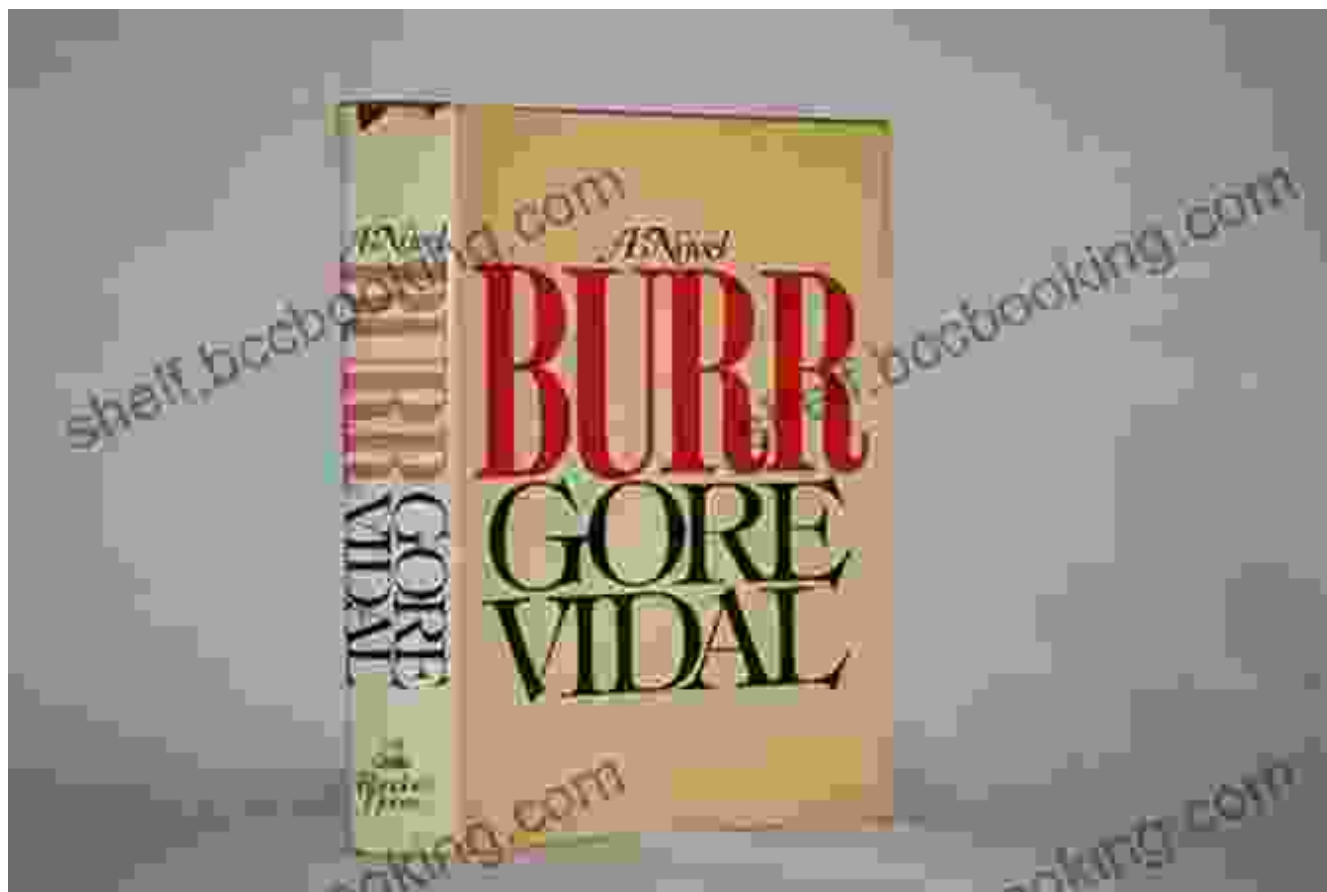


# The Civil War: A Novel by Gore Vidal



## The Fateful Lightning: A Novel of the Civil War

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## Synopsis

Gore Vidal's sweeping historical novel, *The Civil War*, tells the story of the American Civil War from the perspectives of several characters from different backgrounds. The novel follows the lives of these characters as they navigate the complexities of war and the search for meaning in a divided nation.

The novel begins in 1861, with the outbreak of the war. The main characters include:

- **Aaron Burr**, a young man from the North who joins the Union Army
- **Robert E. Lee**, a Confederate general
- **Abraham Lincoln**, the President of the United States
- **Frederick Douglass**, a former slave who becomes a leading abolitionist
- **Clara Barton**, a nurse who founds the American Red Cross

Through the eyes of these characters, Vidal provides a vivid and moving account of the war. He explores the political and social issues that led to the conflict, the battles and campaigns that shaped its course, and the human cost of war.

## Review

*The Civil War* is a masterful work of historical fiction. Vidal's writing is clear and concise, and his characters are complex and believable. The novel provides a deep and insightful look at one of the most important events in American history.

*The Civil War* is a must-read for anyone interested in American history, historical fiction, or simply great literature. It is a powerful and moving story that will stay with you long after you finish reading it.

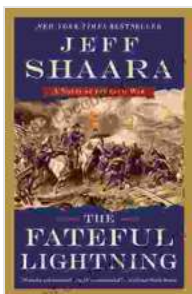
## About the Author

Gore Vidal was an American writer known for his novels, plays, and essays. He was a prolific and controversial figure, and his work often explored themes of politics, sex, and religion.

Vidal was born in 1925 in West Point, New York. His father was a career army officer, and his mother was a socialite. Vidal attended Phillips Exeter Academy and Harvard University. He began writing at a young age, and his first novel, *Williwaw*, was published when he was just 23 years old.

Vidal's work has been praised for its wit, intelligence, and style. He was a master of satire, and his novels often skewered the powerful and exposed the hypocrisy of American society.

Vidal died in 2012 at the age of 86. He left behind a legacy of work that continues to be read and enjoyed by people all over the world.



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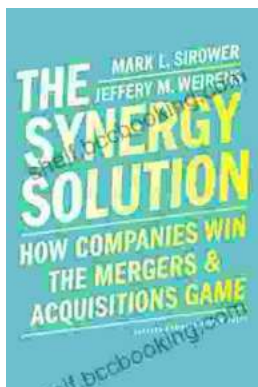
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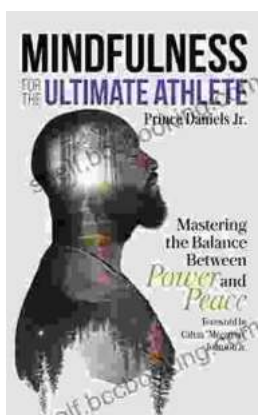
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