# The Conquest of American Inflation: The Costly Triumph of Money Over Politics

In the 1970s and 1980s, the United States experienced a period of high inflation that threatened to cripple the economy. The Federal Reserve, led by Chairman Paul Volcker, embarked on a difficult and controversial mission to bring inflation under control.

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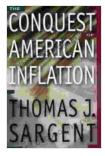
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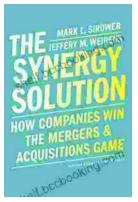
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