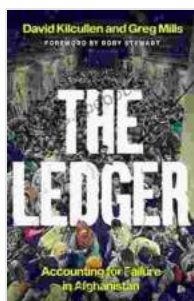


The Ledger: Accounting for Failure in Afghanistan

The Ledger: Accounting for Failure in Afghanistan is a powerful and eye-opening book that tells the inside story of the two-decade-long war in Afghanistan. Written by a team of investigative journalists, the book exposes the mismanagement, corruption, and hubris that led to the collapse of the Afghan government in 2021.



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The book is based on a trove of leaked documents, interviews with key players, and on-the-ground reporting. The authors argue that the war in Afghanistan was not just a military failure, but also a political and economic failure. They show how the United States and its allies poured billions of dollars into Afghanistan, but much of that money was wasted or stolen. They also show how the Afghan government was riddled with corruption

and incompetence, and how the United States failed to build a sustainable and inclusive Afghan state.

The Ledger is a devastating indictment of the war in Afghanistan. It is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand why the war failed and what the consequences of that failure will be.

The Consequences of Failure

The failure of the war in Afghanistan has had a profound impact on the country and the region. The Taliban has taken over the country and is once again imposing its harsh rule. The Afghan people are facing a humanitarian crisis, with millions of people facing starvation and disease. The war has also destabilized the region, creating a breeding ground for terrorism.

The United States and its allies have paid a heavy price for their failure in Afghanistan. Thousands of American soldiers have been killed or wounded, and trillions of dollars have been wasted. The war has also damaged the credibility of the United States and its allies, and it has undermined the global fight against terrorism.

Lessons for the Future

The failure of the war in Afghanistan is a tragedy. But it is also an opportunity to learn lessons for the future. The authors of The Ledger offer a number of recommendations for how the United States and its allies can avoid making the same mistakes in the future.

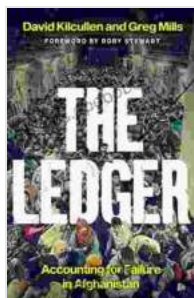
These recommendations include:

- Investing in diplomacy and development, rather than military force.

- Building sustainable and inclusive states, rather than propping up corrupt and incompetent governments.
- Learning from history, and not repeating the mistakes of the past.

The Ledger is a powerful and important book. It is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the war in Afghanistan and its consequences.

The book offers a valuable lesson for the future, and it is essential reading for anyone who wants to avoid repeating the mistakes of the past.



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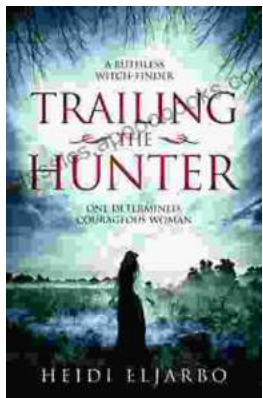
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