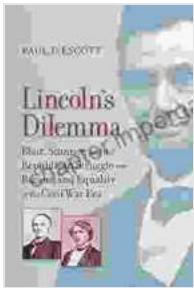


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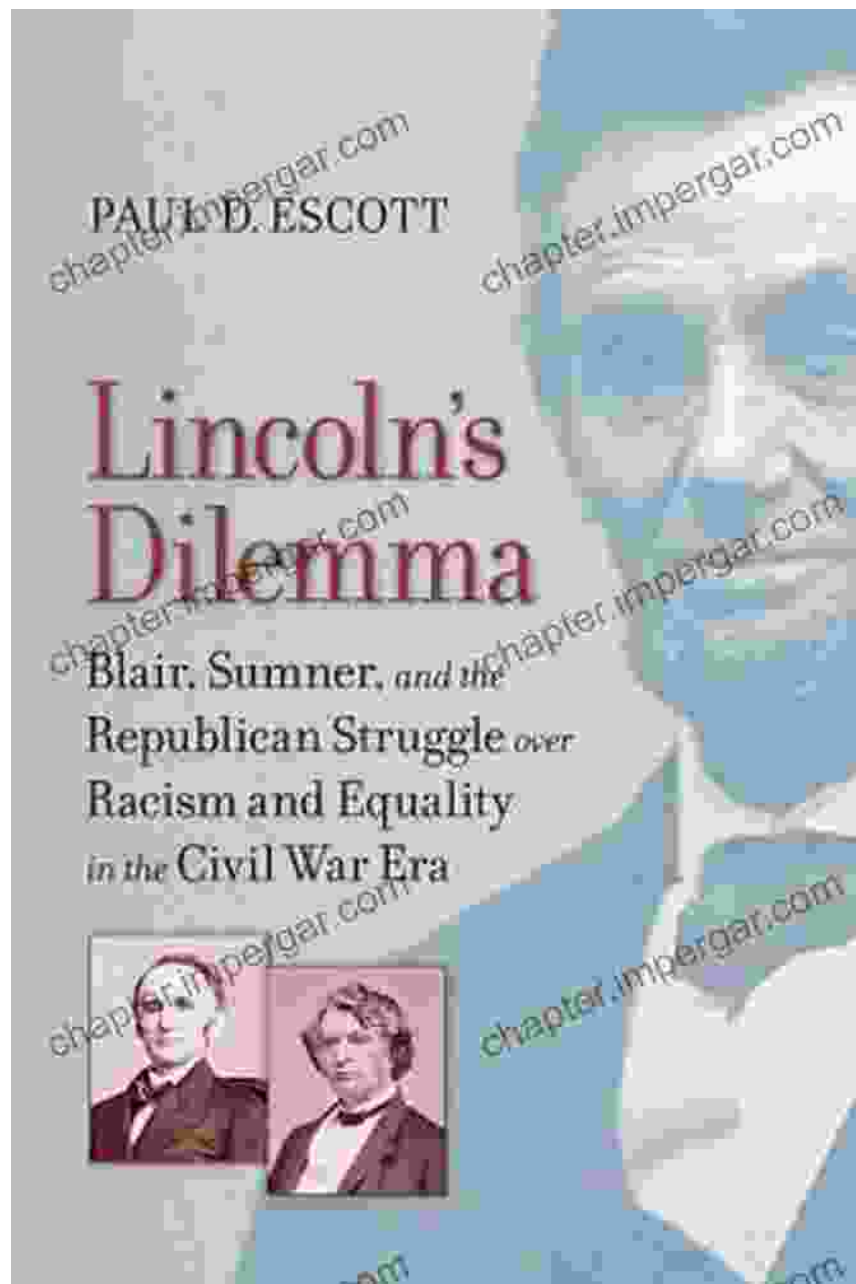
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## The Early Years

Blair Sumner was born in Mississippi in 1924. He grew up in a segregated society, and he witnessed firsthand the racism and discrimination that African Americans faced. As a young man, Sumner served in the military during World War II. After the war, he returned to Mississippi and became

involved in politics. He was elected to the state legislature in 1951, and he served for four terms. During his time in the legislature, Sumner was a strong advocate for civil rights. He supported legislation to desegregate schools and public accommodations, and he worked to increase economic opportunities for African Americans.



## The Republican Party And The Civil Rights Movement

The Republican Party was founded in 1854 as an anti-slavery party. However, after the Civil War, the party became increasingly dominated by white Southerners who opposed civil rights for African Americans. In the 20th century, the Republican Party remained largely hostile to civil rights legislation. However, there were a few Republicans who spoke out against racism and discrimination. One of these was Blair Sumner.

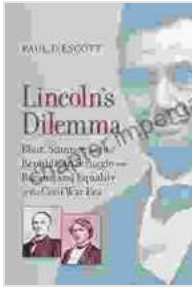
In 1964, Sumner was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives. He was one of only a handful of Republicans to support the Civil Rights Act of 1964. Sumner's support for civil rights was unpopular with many of his constituents, and he faced a strong challenge in the 1966 election. However, he won re-election, and he continued to be a strong advocate for civil rights throughout his career.

### **The Legacy Of Blair Sumner**

Blair Sumner died in 1991. He was a lifelong Republican, but he was also a strong advocate for civil rights. His legacy is a reminder that even in the most difficult of times, it is possible to stand up for what is right. Sumner's story is an inspiration to all who believe in a more just and equitable society.

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