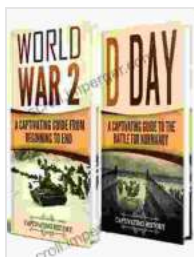


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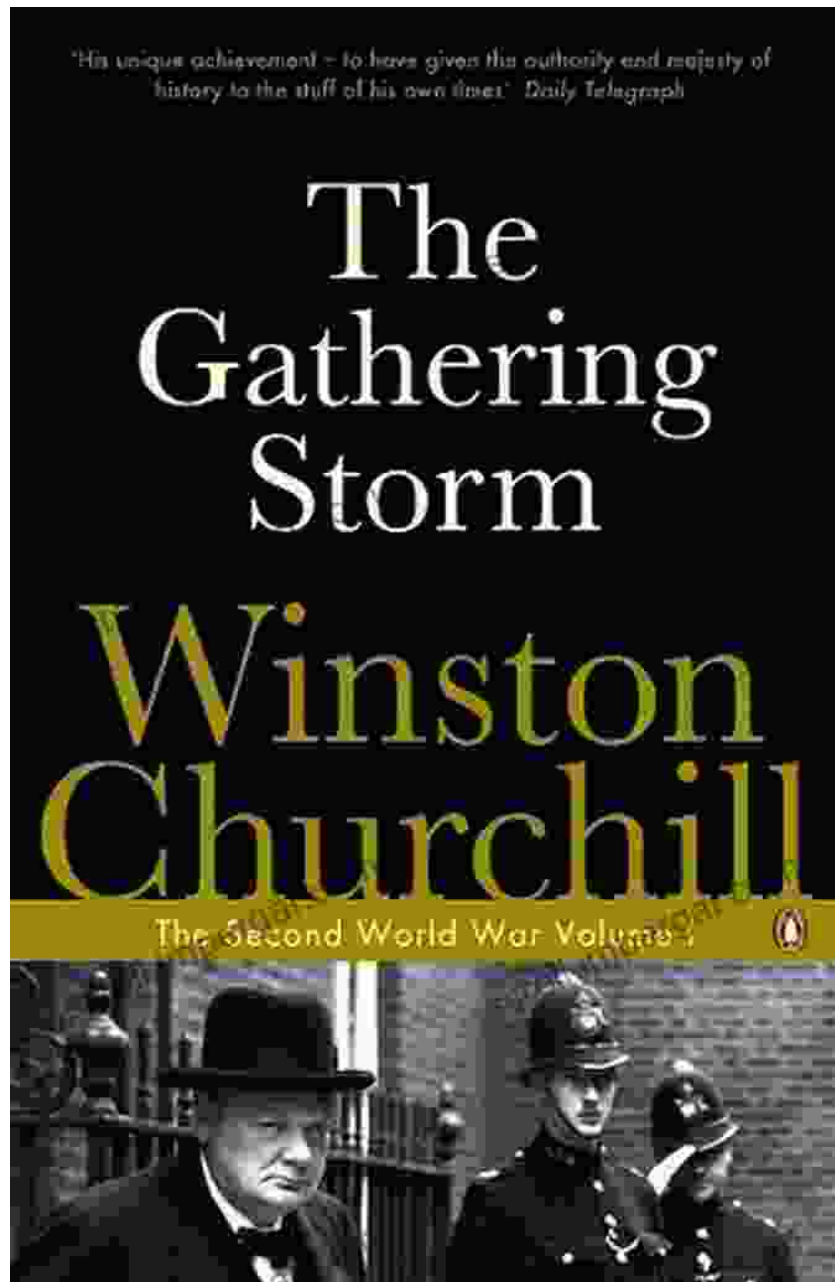
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Five Turning Points of World War II

1942

• **Battle of Midway** halts the Japanese expansion in the Pacific

1942-1943

• **Battle of Stalingrad** ends Nazi advances in Europe

1942

• **Battle of El Alamein** begins Allied offensive against the Axis powers in North Africa

1944

• **D-Day** invasion opens second front in Europe, paving the way for final defeat of Germany

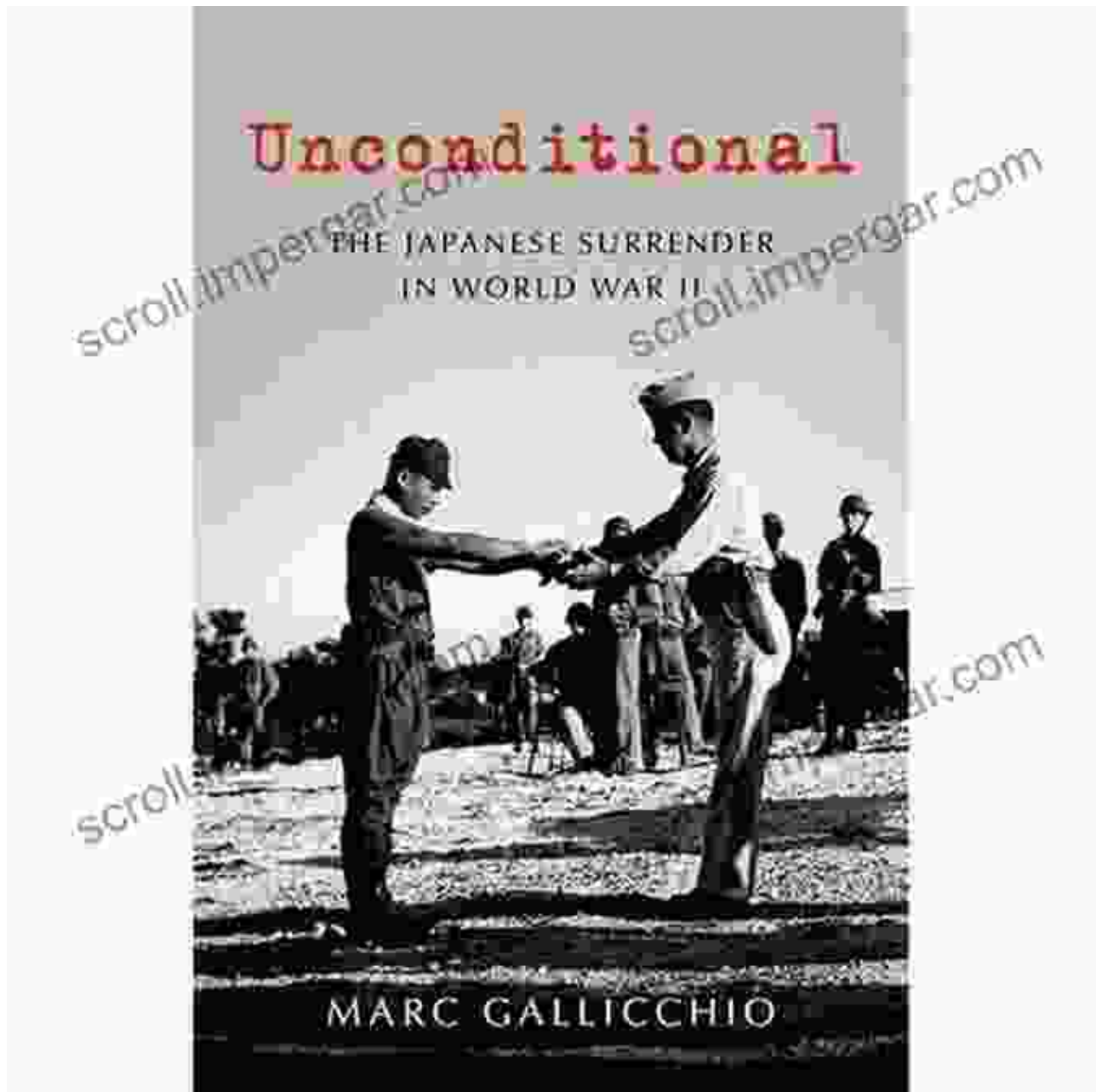
1945

• **Manhattan Project** develops atomic bomb, used to end the war in the Pacific

The Battle of Stalingrad turned the tide of the war against Germany.

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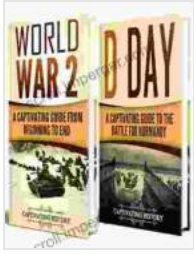
influence on art, literature, and popular culture, and explore its enduring resonance in the modern world.



The war left an indelible mark on the world, shaping its political, social, and cultural landscape.

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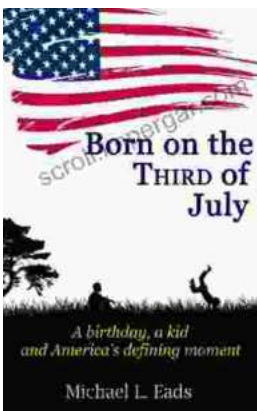
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