# Slobodan Milosevic: The Architect of Yugoslavia's Destruction



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Slobodan Milosevic was born in Pozarevac, Serbia, in 1941. He studied law at the University of Belgrade, and after graduating, he worked as a lawyer and a journalist. In 1986, he was elected to the leadership of the League of Communists of Serbia, and in 1989, he became president of Serbia.

As president of Serbia, Milosevic pursued a policy of ethnic nationalism. He stoked fears of Serbian minorities in other parts of Yugoslavia, and he used this to justify his aggressive policies towards other republics. In 1991, Slovenia and Croatia declared independence from Yugoslavia, and Milosevic responded by sending the Yugoslav army to suppress the secessionists.

The Yugoslav Wars lasted for ten years, and they resulted in the deaths of hundreds of thousands of people. Milosevic was indicted for war crimes by the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY), but he died in prison in 2006 before his trial could be completed.

#### Milosevic's Rise to Power

Slobodan Milosevic was born into a communist family in Pozarevac, Serbia, in 1941. His father was a teacher and his mother was a nurse. Milosevic was a bright and ambitious student, and he excelled in school. He studied law at the University of Belgrade, and after graduating, he worked as a lawyer and a journalist.

In 1986, Milosevic was elected to the leadership of the League of Communists of Serbia. The League of Communists was the ruling party in Yugoslavia, and Milosevic quickly rose through the ranks. In 1989, he became president of Serbia.

#### **Milosevic's Policies**

As president of Serbia, Milosevic pursued a policy of ethnic nationalism. He argued that Serbs were the victims of discrimination in other parts of Yugoslavia, and he promised to protect their rights.

Milosevic's policies were popular with many Serbs, but they also alienated other ethnic groups in Yugoslavia. In 1991, Slovenia and Croatia declared independence from Yugoslavia, and Milosevic responded by sending the Yugoslav army to suppress the secessionists.

## The Yugoslav Wars

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### The Legacy of Slobodan Milosevic

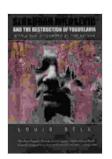
Slobodan Milosevic is a controversial figure in Serbian history. Some people view him as a hero who defended the Serbian people, while others see him as a war criminal who is responsible for the deaths of hundreds of thousands of people.

Milosevic's legacy is complex and contested. He was a complex and contradictory figure, and his actions had a profound impact on the history of Yugoslavia.

Slobodan Milosevic was a key figure in the Yugoslav Wars of the 1990s. His policies of ethnic nationalism and aggression led to the breakup of Yugoslavia and the deaths of hundreds of thousands of people.

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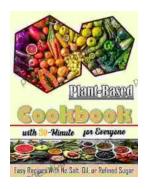
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