

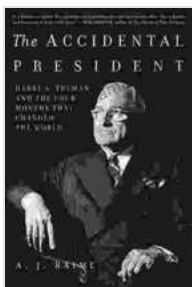
Harry Truman: The Four Months That Changed the World



Harry S. Truman became the 33rd president of the United States on April 12, 1945, following the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt. He inherited a world at war and a nation on the brink of unprecedented technological change. The four months that followed were among the most consequential in American history.

The End of World War II

Truman's first major decision as president was to approve the use of atomic bombs against Japan. The bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on August 6 and 9, 1945, respectively, brought about the end of World War II. The war had claimed the lives of millions of people around the world, and Truman's decision to use atomic weapons remains one of the most controversial in American history.



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The Potsdam Conference

In July 1945, Truman met with British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Joseph Stalin at the Potsdam Conference. The conference was held to discuss the postwar order, and the leaders agreed to divide Germany into four occupation zones. They also agreed to establish the

United Nations, an international organization dedicated to maintaining peace and security.



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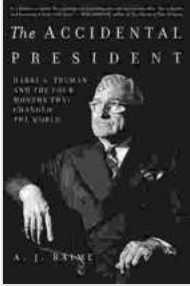
The United Nations was formally established on October 24, 1945. The organization's mission is to promote international cooperation and prevent conflict. The UN has played a major role in the world since its founding, and it continues to be an important force for peace and stability.



The Cold War

The end of World War II also marked the beginning of the Cold War, a period of tension and rivalry between the United States and the Soviet Union. The Cold War lasted for decades and had a profound impact on the world. Truman played a key role in the early years of the Cold War, and his policies helped to shape the course of the conflict.

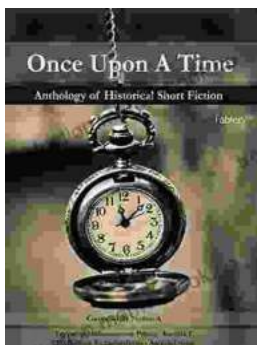
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