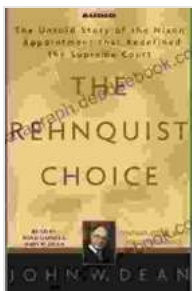


# The Untold Story of the Nixon Appointment That Redefined the Supreme Court

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Burger's tenure as Chief Justice was a time of great change for the Supreme Court. The court became more conservative, but it also became more willing to compromise. Burger's legacy is complex, but he is undoubtedly one of the most important figures in the history of the Supreme Court.

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Nixon was reportedly very unhappy with Burger's performance as Chief Justice. Nixon wanted a reliable conservative vote, and Burger was not always that. In fact, Burger sometimes voted with the court's liberal justices, which frustrated Nixon.

However, Nixon was not able to remove Burger from the court. Burger served as Chief Justice for 17 years, and he retired in 1986.

## **Burger's Legacy**

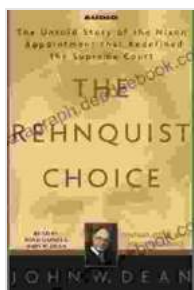
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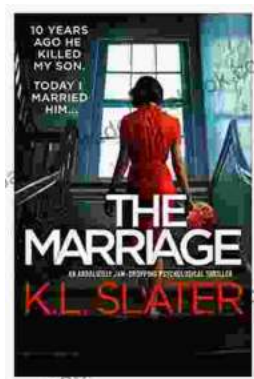


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