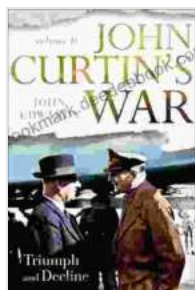


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## Curtin's Rise to Power

Curtin was born in 1885 in Creswick, Victoria. The son of Irish immigrants, he grew up in a poor family and left school at the age of 14 to work as a printer's apprentice. Curtin became involved in politics at a young age, joining the Australian Labor Party in 1902. He served in the Australian House of Representatives from 1910 to 1931, and again from 1934 until his death in 1945.



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Curtin became Prime Minister in 1941, following the resignation of Robert Menzies. The war was already well underway by this time, and Australia was facing a number of serious challenges. The Japanese had invaded Southeast Asia and were threatening to attack Australia itself. The United States had entered the war after the attack on Pearl Harbor, but it was not clear whether they would be able to provide sufficient support to defend Australia.

### **Curtin's Leadership during the War**

Curtin was a strong and determined leader who rallied the Australian people behind the war effort. He made a number of key decisions that helped to ensure Australia's survival. These decisions included:

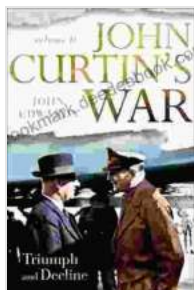
- Increasing the size of the Australian military
- Establishing a strong alliance with the United States
- Implementing a series of rationing and price controls
- Encouraging the development of Australia's own war industries

Curtin also played a key role in the Allied victory in the Pacific War. He attended the Casablanca Conference in 1943, where he helped to plan the Allied offensive against Japan. He also met with U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1944, to discuss the future of the Pacific region after the war.

### **Curtin's Legacy**

Curtin died in office in 1945, just a few months before the end of the war. He is widely recognized as one of Australia's greatest wartime leaders. His leadership was characterized by his strength, determination, and vision. He rallied the Australian people behind the war effort and helped to ensure Australia's survival. Curtin's legacy is still felt today, and he is remembered as one of the most important figures in Australian history.

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