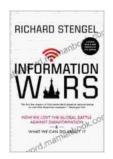
# How We Lost the Global Battle Against Disinformation: What We Can Do About It



Information Wars: How We Lost the Global Battle
Against Disinformation & What We Can Do About It

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Disinformation has become a global epidemic, with devastating consequences for our democracies and societies. It has been used to manipulate elections, spread hate speech, and undermine trust in institutions. And it is only getting worse.

So how did we get here? And what can we do about it?

#### **How We Got Here**

There are a number of factors that have contributed to the rise of disinformation. These include:

- The rise of social media. Social media platforms have made it easier than ever for people to spread disinformation. These platforms are often used to spread false and misleading information, which can quickly go viral and reach a wide audience.
- The decline of traditional media. Traditional media outlets, such as newspapers and television news, have been in decline for years. This has led to a loss of trust in these institutions and has made it easier for disinformation to spread.
- The rise of political polarization. Political polarization has made it more difficult to have civil conversations about important issues. This has created an environment in which disinformation can thrive.
- The lack of regulation. There is currently very little regulation of disinformation. This has allowed it to spread unchecked and has made it difficult to hold those responsible to account.

#### What We Can Do About It

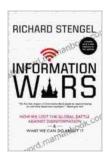
There is no easy solution to the problem of disinformation. However, there are a number of things that we can do to address this issue. These include:

- Education. We need to educate people about the dangers of disinformation and how to spot it. This can be done through schools, libraries, and community organizations.
- Regulation. We need to regulate social media platforms and other online spaces to prevent the spread of disinformation. This can be

done through laws and regulations that require these platforms to take down false and misleading content and to label it as such.

- Support for independent media. We need to support independent media outlets that are committed to providing accurate and unbiased information. This can be done through financial support, such as subscriptions and donations, and by sharing their content on social media.
- **Civil discourse.** We need to have civil conversations about important issues, even if we disagree with each other. This will help to create an environment in which disinformation is less likely to thrive.

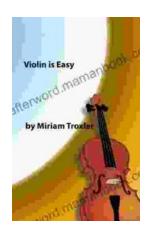
The fight against disinformation is a long and difficult one. But it is a fight that we must win. Disinformation is a threat to our democracies, our societies, and our human rights. We must all do our part to combat this threat.



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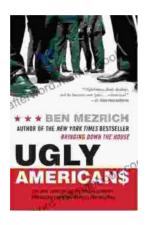
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