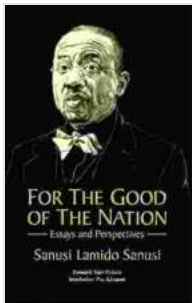


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The American flag is a powerful symbol of national unity, pride, and patriotism. It has flown over battlefields, been planted on the moon, and inspired countless works of art and literature. But what is the history of the American flag? And what does it mean to Americans today?

The Origins of the American Flag

The first American flag was created in 1775 by Betsy Ross, a seamstress from Philadelphia. Ross was commissioned by George Washington to create a flag for the Continental Army. The flag she created featured 13 stars and 13 stripes, representing the 13 colonies that had declared independence from Great Britain.



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The Meaning of the American Flag

The American flag is a powerful symbol of national unity. It represents the shared values and ideals that bind Americans together. The 13 stripes on the flag represent the 13 original colonies, and the 50 stars represent the 50 states that make up the United States today.

The American flag is also a symbol of pride and patriotism. It is a reminder of the sacrifices that Americans have made to defend their country. The flag is flown at government buildings, schools, and homes across the country. It is also flown at military bases and embassies around the world.

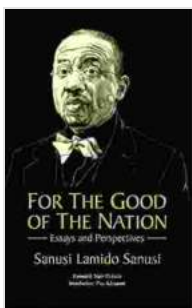
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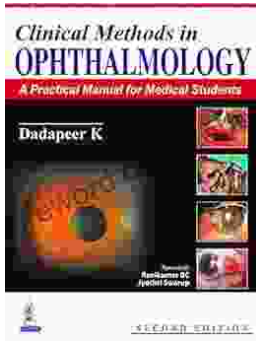
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