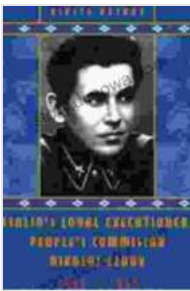


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Beria was born in 1899 in Georgia, then part of the Russian Empire. He joined the Bolshevik Party in 1917 and quickly rose through the ranks. In 1938, he was appointed head of the NKVD, the Soviet secret police. Under Beria's leadership, the NKVD became one of the most feared organizations in the world, responsible for carrying out mass arrests, torture, and executions.

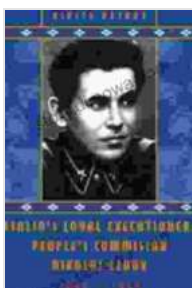
Beria was a key figure in the Great Terror, which saw the deaths of millions of people. He was personally responsible for the execution of many of Stalin's rivals, including Nikolai Bukharin and Leon Trotsky. Beria also played a key role in the Katyn Forest Massacre, in which over 20,000 Polish officers were murdered.

Beria's ruthlessness and ambition eventually led to his downfall. In 1953, following Stalin's death, Beria was arrested and executed. He was charged with treason and espionage, but it is likely that Stalin had him killed because he feared that Beria was becoming too powerful.

Lavrentiy Beria was a monster who was responsible for the deaths of millions of people. He was a ruthless and cunning operator, who used his position to advance his own career and to eliminate his rivals. Beria's story is a chilling reminder of the dangers of dictatorship and the importance of fighting against tyranny.

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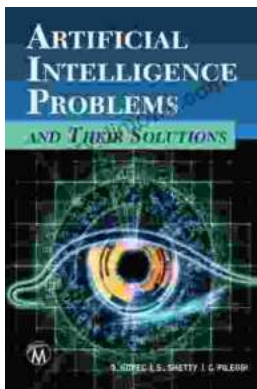
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