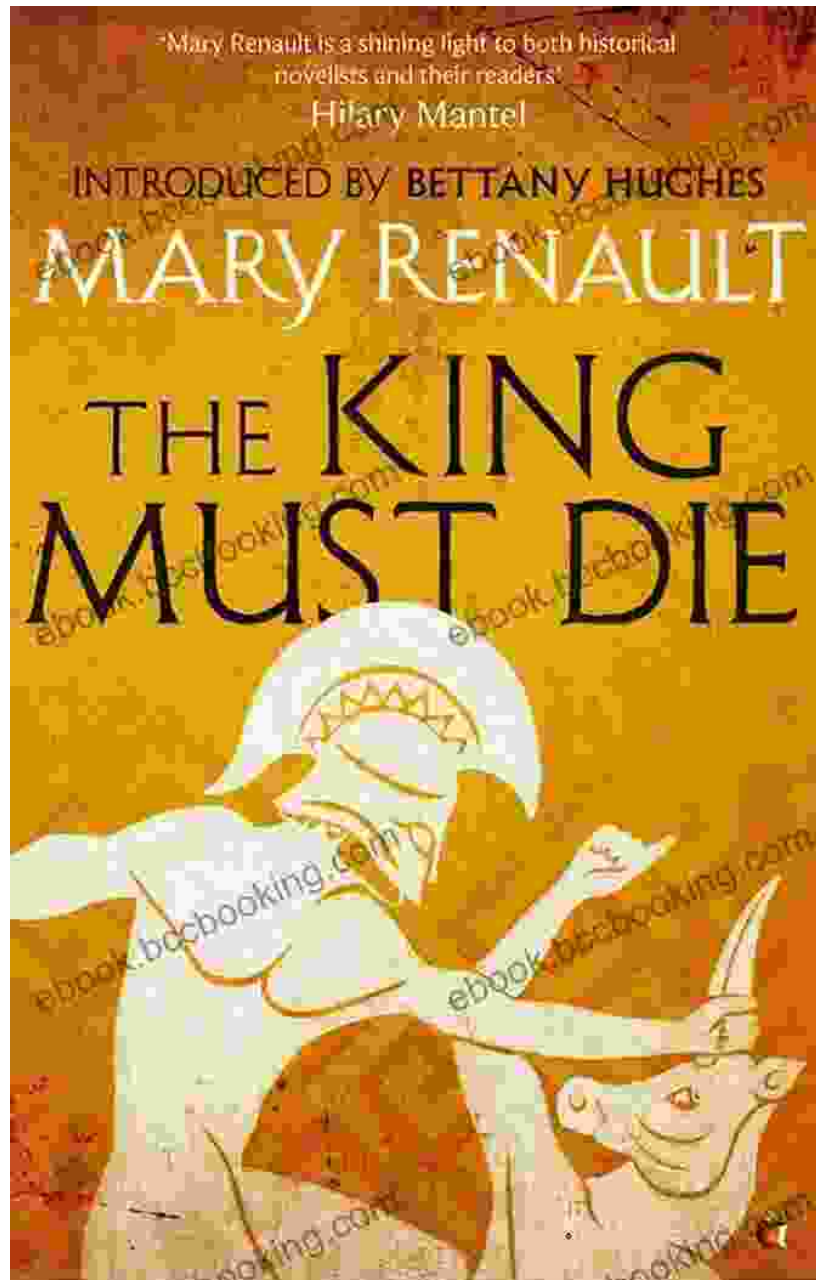


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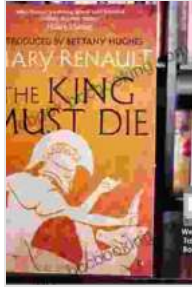
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About the Book

The King Must Die is a historical novel by Mary Renault, first published in 1958. The novel is set in Bronze Age Greece and tells the story of Theseus, the legendary founder of Athens. The novel follows Theseus' journey from his birth to his eventual death, and explores the themes of myth, betrayal, and destiny.

The novel begins with Theseus' birth in Troezen, a small town on the Peloponnese. Theseus is the son of Aethra, a princess of Troezen, and Aegeus, the king of Athens. Aegeus had left Aethra before Theseus was born, and Theseus was raised by his mother and stepfather, Pittheus. When Theseus was sixteen years old, he traveled to Athens to claim his rightful place as king. However, Aegeus was suspicious of Theseus and sent him on a series of dangerous quests to prove his worthiness.

Theseus successfully completed all of the quests, and he eventually returned to Athens and claimed his rightful place as king. However, his reign was not without its challenges. Theseus was a strong and just king, but he was also impulsive and headstrong. He made many enemies, and he was eventually betrayed by his own people.

The King Must Die is a complex and tragic novel that explores the themes of myth, betrayal, and destiny. Theseus is a flawed hero, and his story is one of both triumph and tragedy. The novel is a must-read for anyone interested in Greek mythology or historical fiction.

About the Author

Mary Renault was a British author who wrote historical novels set in ancient Greece. She was born in London in 1905, and she studied at Oxford University. Renault's novels are known for their historical accuracy and their vivid portrayal of ancient Greek life. She was a prolific writer, and she published over twenty novels during her lifetime.

Renault's first novel, *The Last of the Wine*, was published in 1956. The novel was set in ancient Crete, and it told the story of a young man who is chosen to be the king's cupbearer. Renault's second novel, *The King Must Die*, was published in 1958. The novel was set in Bronze Age Greece, and it told the story of Theseus, the legendary founder of Athens.

Renault's novels were very popular, and she was considered one of the leading historical novelists of her time. She was awarded the James Tait Black Memorial Prize for her novel *The Last of the Wine*, and she was also nominated for the Nobel Prize in Literature. Renault died in 1983, but her novels continue to be read and enjoyed by readers around the world.

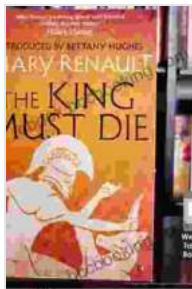
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