# Unveiling the Hidden History: The Brick Chronicle of Attempts on the Lives of Twelve US Presidents



In the annals of American history, the lives of our presidents have been intertwined with both triumph and tragedy, glory, and the sinister shadow of assassination attempts. "The Brick Chronicle of Attempts on the Lives of Twelve US Presidents" delves into the chilling and lesser-known accounts of these threats to the highest office in the land.

#### The Brick Chronicle: Uncovering the Past

Composed in the 19th century, "The Brick Chronicle" is an extraordinary collection of newspaper clippings and handwritten notes meticulously compiled by John B. Nicolay, one of President Abraham Lincoln's private

secretaries. This invaluable record documents twelve audacious attempts on the lives of US presidents, spanning a pivotal period in American history.



### Assassination!: The Brick Chronicle of Attempts on the Lives of Twelve US Presidents by Brendan Powell Smith

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#### **A Litany of Assassination Attempts**

From the fateful night in Ford's Theatre to the shocking shooting of Ronald Reagan, "The Brick Chronicle" brings to light the heart-stopping moments when the lives of twelve presidents hung in the balance:

- \* **Abraham Lincoln**: The chronicle begins with the tragic assassination of President Lincoln in 1865, a pivotal event that shaped the course of American history.
- \* **Andrew Johnson**: President Johnson narrowly escaped an assassination attempt by a knife-wielding assailant in 1868.
- \* **Ulysses S. Grant**: In 1873, President Grant was targeted by a deranged man who fired shots at his carriage.

- \* **Rutherford B. Hayes**: President Hayes faced a plot to derail his train in 1879, but his quick thinking averted disaster.
- \* **James A. Garfield**: The chronicle documents the tragic assassination of President Garfield in 1881, a senseless act that shocked the nation.
- \* William McKinley: President McKinley's assassination in 1901 by an anarchist further highlighted the vulnerability of the presidency.
- \* **Theodore Roosevelt**: The chronicle unveils a daring plot to assassinate President Roosevelt in 1905, but his bodyguard thwarted the attempt.
- \* William Howard Taft: President Taft dodged a bullet fired at his carriage in 1912, a chilling reminder of the dangers faced by our leaders.
- \* Woodrow Wilson: President Wilson survived an assassination attempt in 1913, but it left him permanently paralyzed on one side of his body.
- \* Harry S. Truman: President Truman's life was spared in 1950 by the quick actions of a Secret Service agent who intercepted a letter bomb.
- \* **Richard Nixon**: President Nixon faced an assassination plot in 1970, but the would-be assassin was apprehended before carrying out his plan.
- \* Ronald Reagan: The chronicle concludes with the harrowing assassination attempt on President Reagan in 1981, a near-fatal shooting that shook the nation.

#### **Exploring the Motivations and Consequences**

"The Brick Chronicle" offers not only a gripping account of these assassination attempts but also an intriguing glimpse into the minds of those who planned and executed them. From political vengeance to personal vendettas, the chronicle sheds light on the motivations that drove these individuals to target the highest authority in the land.

Moreover, the book explores the profound consequences of these attempts, both for the presidents themselves and for the nation as a whole. The assassination or injury of a president can have a devastating impact on the country's stability, morale, and faith in its leadership.

#### **Preserving a Legacy for Future Generations**

"The Brick Chronicle of Attempts on the Lives of Twelve US Presidents" stands as a testament to the courage, resilience, and vulnerability of those who have held the office of the presidency. By preserving these forgotten stories, the book serves as a powerful reminder of the fragility of the democratic process and the importance of safeguarding its leaders.

"The Brick Chronicle of Attempts on the Lives of Twelve US Presidents" is an enthralling and thought-provoking read that takes us on a chilling journey through the hidden history of American politics. It is a book that sheds new light on the bravery, resilience, and unwavering spirit of our leaders, and it underscores the importance of cherishing and protecting the foundations of our democracy.



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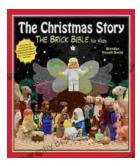
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