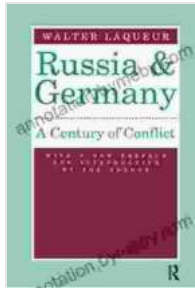


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The roots of the conflict between Russia and Germany can be traced back to the 18th century, when the two countries began to compete for territory in Eastern Europe. In the 19th century, the rivalry between the two countries intensified as Russia expanded its empire eastward and Germany unified into a powerful nation-state.

The outbreak of World War I in 1914 brought Russia and Germany into direct conflict. The two countries fought each other on the Eastern Front for four years, resulting in millions of deaths. The war ended with the defeat of Germany and the collapse of the Russian Empire.

After World War I, Russia and Germany became allies under the terms of the Treaty of Rapallo. However, the alliance was short-lived, and the two countries soon began to drift apart. In the 1930s, Nazi Germany began to rearm and expand its territory. In 1939, Germany invaded Poland, triggering the outbreak of World War II.

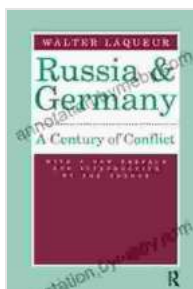
During World War II, Russia and Germany were again on opposite sides of the conflict. The two countries fought each other on the Eastern Front for four years, resulting in millions of deaths. The war ended with the defeat of Germany and the occupation of Eastern Europe by the Soviet Union.

After World War II, Russia and Germany were divided by the Iron Curtain. The Soviet Union controlled Eastern Europe, while West Germany was aligned with the United States and Western Europe. The Cold War between the Soviet Union and the United States lasted for over four decades and was a major source of tension between Russia and Germany.

In 1989, the Berlin Wall fell and the Soviet Union collapsed. This led to the reunification of Germany and the end of the Cold War. However, the relationship between Russia and Germany has remained complex and difficult.

In recent years, tensions between Russia and Germany have been rising again. The annexation of Crimea by Russia in 2014 and the ongoing conflict in Ukraine have put a strain on the relationship between the two countries. The future of the relationship between Russia and Germany is uncertain, but it is clear that the two countries will continue to play an important role in European affairs.

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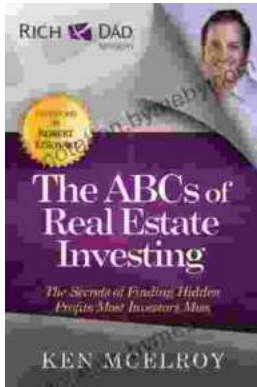
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