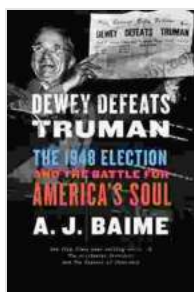


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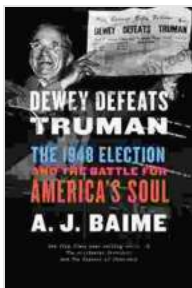
Henry Wallace, and Dixiecrat candidate Strom Thurmond. Truman was a Democrat who had succeeded to the presidency upon the death of Franklin D. Roosevelt in 1945. Dewey was a moderate Republican who had served as governor of New York. Wallace was a former vice president who had broken with Truman over the Cold War. Thurmond was a segregationist Democrat who had run on a pro-segregation platform.

The election was a close one, with Truman ultimately winning by a narrow margin. Truman's victory was due in part to his strong support from organized labor and African Americans. He also benefited from Dewey's lackluster campaign and Wallace's decision to run as a third-party candidate.

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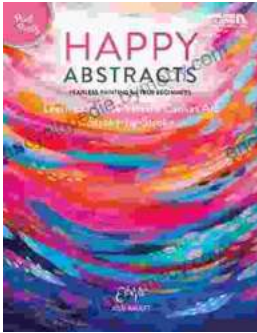
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