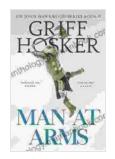
The Battle of Poitiers: A Triumph for England and the Black Prince

The Battle of Poitiers was a major battle of the Hundred Years' War, fought on 19 September 1356 near Poitiers, France. The battle was a decisive victory for the English, who were led by the Black Prince, Edward, Prince of Wales. The French were led by King John II of France, who was captured by the English. The battle marked the end of the first phase of the Hundred Years' War and had a profound impact on the course of the war.

Background

The Hundred Years' War was a series of conflicts between England and France that lasted from 1337 to 1453. The war began when Edward III of England claimed the French throne, which was held by Philip VI of France. The English initially had some success in the war, but the French eventually regained most of the territory that they had lost. In 1356, the English launched a new campaign into France, led by the Black Prince. The Black Prince was a skilled military commander, and he quickly won a series of victories against the French.



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The Battle

On September 19, 1356, the English and French armies met near Poitiers. The English army was smaller than the French army, but it was better equipped and had superior tactics. The English also had the advantage of fighting on a hilltop, which gave them a commanding view of the battlefield.

The battle began with a series of skirmishes between the two armies. The English archers then began to fire arrows at the French, causing heavy casualties. The French cavalry charged the English lines, but they were unable to break through. The English dismounted their horses and fought on foot, which gave them a more stable platform from which to fire their arrows.

The French cavalry was eventually forced to retreat, and the English began to advance. The French infantry was unable to withstand the English attack, and they began to flee. The Black Prince pursued the fleeing French, and he captured King John II.

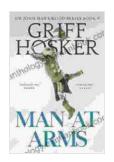
Aftermath

The Battle of Poitiers was a major victory for the English. The capture of King John II was a huge propaganda coup for the English, and it boosted the morale of their army. The battle also marked the end of the first phase of the Hundred Years' War. The English now controlled much of

southwestern France, and they were in a strong position to continue the war.

The Battle of Poitiers had a profound impact on the course of the Hundred Years' War. The English victory gave them a new confidence, and it allowed them to continue the war for another century. The capture of King John II also weakened the French monarchy, and it led to a period of instability in France.

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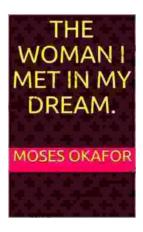
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