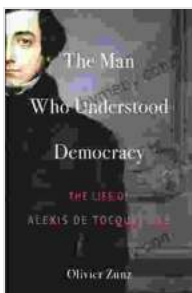


The Man Who Understood Democracy

In his new book, *The Man Who Understood Democracy*, Pulitzer Prize-winning author David Grann tells the story of James Bryce, a Scottish historian and politician who wrote a classic work on democracy, *The American Commonwealth*. Bryce's book was hugely influential in the development of democratic thought and institutions around the world.



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James Bryce: The Man Who Understood Democracy

James Bryce was born in Glasgow, Scotland, in 1838. He was the son of a wealthy merchant and was educated at the University of Oxford. After graduating from Oxford, Bryce traveled to the United States, where he was struck by the vitality and optimism of the young democracy. He returned to Scotland and began writing about the American political system.

In 1888, Bryce published *The American Commonwealth*. The book was a massive work of scholarship that analyzed the American political system in unprecedented detail. Bryce argued that democracy was the best form of government because it allowed for the greatest amount of individual freedom and self-government.

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- The increasing concentration of wealth and power
- The decline of trust in institutions

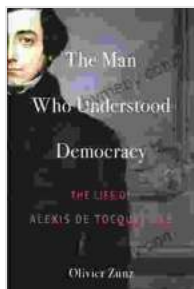
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