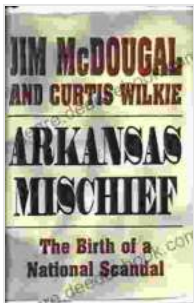


Arkansas Mischief: The Birth of a National Scandal

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The scandal quickly escalated into a national crisis. The House of Representatives voted to impeach Clinton on charges of perjury and obstruction of justice. The Senate held a trial to determine whether Clinton should be removed from office. The Senate ultimately voted to acquit Clinton on both charges.

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The Paula Jones Lawsuit

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The Jones lawsuit was filed in 1994. The case dragged on for several years, as Clinton's lawyers fought to have the case dismissed. In 1998, the Supreme Court ruled that Jones could proceed with her lawsuit.

The Monica Lewinsky Affair

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In January 1998, Lewinsky was subpoenaed to testify in the Jones case. Lewinsky initially denied having a sexual relationship with Clinton, but later

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The Impact of the Scandal

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The scandal also led to a number of legal and political reforms. In 1998, Congress passed the Independent Counsel Act, which created the office of the Independent Counsel to investigate allegations of wrongdoing by high-ranking government officials. The Independent Counsel Act was repealed in 1999.

The Arkansas Mischief scandal is a reminder of the importance of accountability and transparency in government. The scandal also highlights the power of the media to shape public opinion and hold elected officials accountable.

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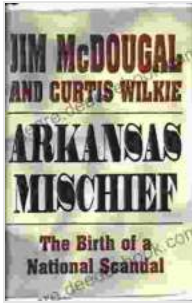
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