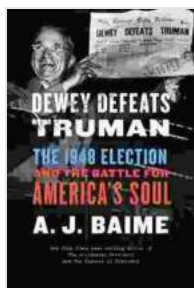


The 1948 Election and the Battle for America's Soul

The 1948 election was one of the most consequential in American history. It was a three-way race between incumbent Democratic President Harry Truman, Republican challenger Thomas Dewey, and third-party candidate Henry Wallace. The election was fought over the future of the country, and the outcome would shape the course of American politics for decades to come.



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Rick Perlstein's book, *The 1948 Election and the Battle for America's Soul*, is a gripping account of this pivotal election. Perlstein reveals the hidden story of how the election was won and lost, and how it shaped the course of American politics for decades to come. The book is a must-read for anyone interested in American history, and it is a timely reminder of the importance of fighting for the soul of our nation.

The Candidates

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Thomas Dewey was the Republican nominee in 1948. He was a moderate Republican who promised to continue the New Deal policies of Franklin D. Roosevelt. Dewey was the heavy favorite in the election, and he seemed to have the election locked up. But Truman ran a tireless campaign, and he was able to connect with voters on a personal level. In the end, Truman won by a narrow margin, and Dewey was defeated.

Henry Wallace was the Progressive Party nominee in 1948. He was a former vice president under Franklin D. Roosevelt, and he ran on a platform of peace and social justice. Wallace was a controversial candidate, and he was attacked by both Democrats and Republicans. In the end, Wallace finished third in the election, but he received over one million votes.

The Issues

The 1948 election was fought over a number of issues, including the economy, the Cold War, and civil rights.

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The Cold War was another major issue in the election. The Soviet Union had recently detonated its first atomic bomb, and there was a growing fear of nuclear war. Truman promised to stand up to the Soviet Union, and he proposed a number of policies to strengthen the military. Dewey also

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Civil rights was also a major issue in the election. The Supreme Court had recently ruled that segregation in schools was unconstitutional, and there was a growing movement to end segregation in all areas of society. Truman promised to fight for civil rights, and he proposed a number of policies to help end segregation. Dewey also promised to fight for civil rights, but he proposed more moderate policies than Truman.

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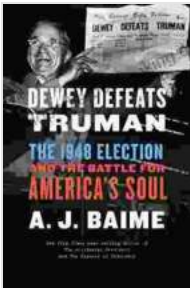
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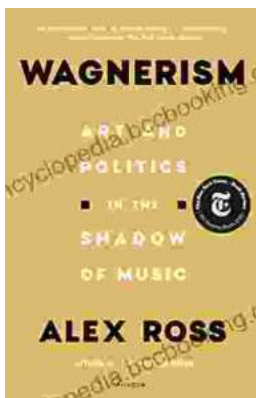
The 1948 election is a reminder of the importance of fighting for the soul of our nation. The election was a close race, and the outcome could have easily gone the other way. But Truman won, and he was able to shape the course of American history for decades to come. The 1948 election is a reminder that anything is possible, and that we must never give up on our dreams.



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