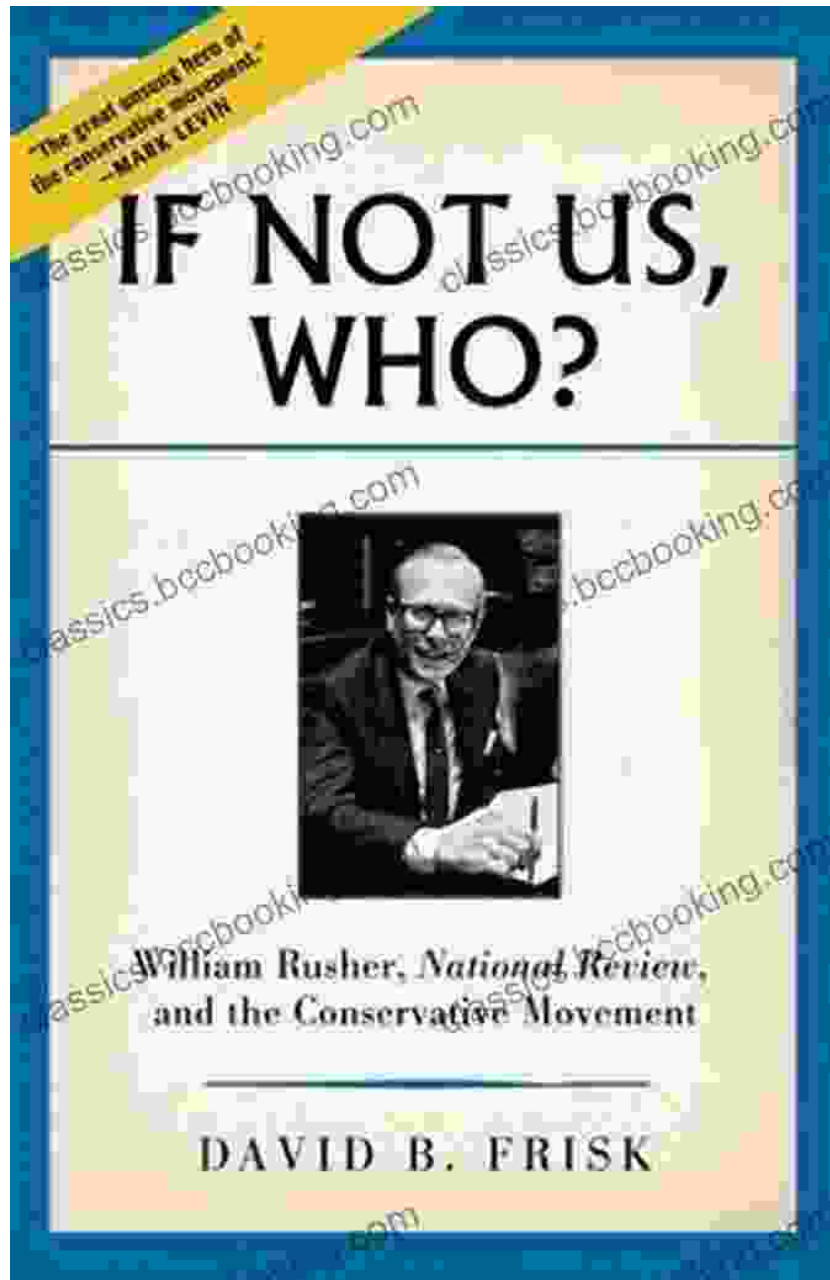
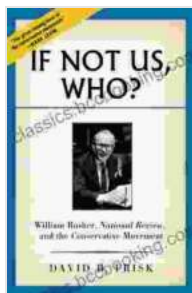


William Rusher: National Review and the Conservative Movement - A Literary Odyssey



William Rusher was a towering figure in the conservative movement of the 20th century. As the publisher of *National Review*, he played a pivotal role in shaping the intellectual and political landscape of the United States. This

article delves into the life and work of Rusher, exploring his contributions to the conservative movement and the impact of National Review.



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Early Life and Education

William Rusher was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1923. He attended Princeton University, where he developed a keen interest in politics and journalism. After graduating, he served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, an experience that deepened his conservative convictions.

Founding of National Review

In 1955, Rusher co-founded National Review, a magazine dedicated to promoting conservative ideas. The magazine quickly became an influential voice in American politics, challenging the liberal consensus that dominated the post-war era. National Review's sharp wit, intellectual rigor, and unwavering defense of conservative principles earned it a loyal following.

Rusher's Leadership

As the publisher of National Review, Rusher was both a thought leader and a political strategist. He assembled a team of brilliant writers, including William F. Buckley Jr., Irving Kristol, and Whittaker Chambers, who shaped the magazine's intellectual framework. Rusher also used National Review to advocate for conservative policies, supporting candidates such as Barry Goldwater and Ronald Reagan.

The Conservative Movement

Rusher played a central role in the development of the conservative movement. He helped to articulate a coherent conservative philosophy, based on principles of limited government, free markets, individual liberty, and a strong national defense. Rusher's writings and advocacy contributed significantly to the rise of conservative thought in the United States.

Political Activism

In addition to his work with National Review, Rusher was actively involved in politics. He served as an advisor to President Richard Nixon and chaired the Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC). Rusher's political expertise and conservative credentials made him a sought-after voice in the Republican Party.

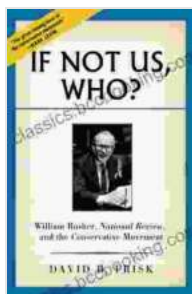
Influence and Legacy

William Rusher's influence on the conservative movement cannot be overstated. National Review became a must-read publication for conservatives, influencing policy debates and shaping public opinion. Rusher's writings and political activism helped to create a vibrant conservative intellectual community and to move the Republican Party to the right.

Later Life and Death

Rusher retired from National Review in 1999. He continued to write and speak on conservative issues until his death in 2011. Rusher's legacy lives on through the countless individuals and organizations he inspired.

William Rusher was a giant of the conservative movement. His work as the publisher of National Review shaped the intellectual and political contours of American society. Rusher's unwavering commitment to conservative principles, his sharp intellect, and his political acumen left a lasting mark on the United States. His legacy continues to inspire and guide conservatives today.



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