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This book provides a comprehensive overview of the social history of tennis in Britain, from its origins to the present day. It examines the sport's changing popularity and status, as well as its impact on British society and culture. The book draws on a wide range of sources, including archival research, interviews, and contemporary accounts, to provide a rich and nuanced understanding of the sport's history.

Tennis is one of the world's most popular sports, and it has a long and rich history in Britain. The game was first introduced to the country in the 14th century, and it quickly became a favorite pastime of the upper classes.

Over the centuries, tennis has continued to grow in popularity, and it is now played by people of all ages and backgrounds.

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Chapter 1: The Origins of Tennis in Britain

The origins of tennis in Britain are obscure, but the game is thought to have been introduced to the country by French merchants in the 14th century. The first known tennis court in Britain was built in London in 1361, and the game quickly became a popular pastime of the upper classes.

Tennis was initially played on indoor courts, and it was a relatively expensive sport to play. However, in the 19th century, the game began to be played on outdoor courts, and it became more accessible to people of all social classes.

Chapter 2: The Golden Age of Tennis in Britain

The golden age of tennis in Britain came in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. During this period, British players dominated the game, winning numerous Wimbledon Championships and other major tournaments.

The popularity of tennis in Britain was also boosted by the rise of the mass media. Newspapers and magazines began to cover the sport in detail, and tennis stars became household names.

Chapter 3: The Decline of Tennis in Britain

The decline of tennis in Britain began in the mid-20th century. A number of factors contributed to this decline, including the rise of other sports, such as football and cricket, and the increasing cost of playing tennis.

In addition, the British government's decision to ban Sunday tennis in 1973 also had a negative impact on the sport's popularity.

Chapter 4: The Revival of Tennis in Britain

In recent years, there has been a revival of interest in tennis in Britain. This revival has been led by a new generation of talented British players, such as Andy Murray and Johanna Konta.

The government has also taken steps to promote tennis, such as investing in new tennis courts and facilities.

Tennis has a long and rich history in Britain. The sport has been played by people of all ages and backgrounds, and it has had a significant impact on British society and culture.

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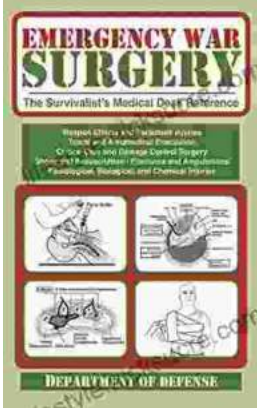
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