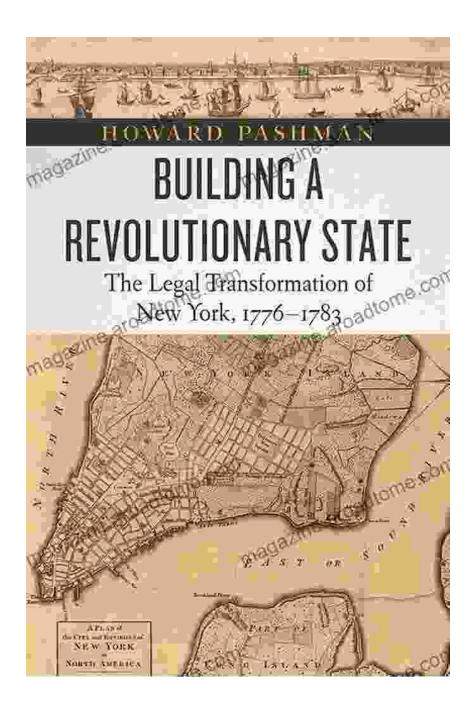
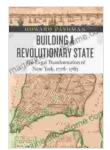
# The Legal Transformation of New York, 1776-1783: American Beginnings 1500-1900



The period from 1776 to 1783 was a time of profound legal transformation for New York. The Declaration of Independence, adopted on July 4, 1776, declared the thirteen American colonies' independence from Great Britain.

This declaration marked the beginning of a new era in American history, and it had a major impact on the legal system of New York.



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Prior to the Declaration of Independence, New York was a colony of Great Britain. The colony's legal system was based on English common law, which was a body of law that had developed over centuries. However, the Declaration of Independence severed the legal ties between New York and Great Britain. This meant that the colony was now free to develop its own legal system.

In the years following the Declaration of Independence, New York underwent a number of legal reforms. These reforms were designed to create a more democratic and egalitarian legal system. One of the most important reforms was the abolition of slavery. Slavery had been legal in New York since the early days of the colony, but it was gradually abolished

during the Revolutionary era. In 1799, the New York State Legislature passed a law that gradually emancipated all slaves in the state.

Another important legal reform during the Revolutionary era was the establishment of a new court system. Prior to the Revolution, the colony's court system was based on the English model. However, the new court system that was established in New York was more democratic and egalitarian. The new court system was open to all citizens, regardless of their social or economic status. It also provided for the right to a jury trial in all criminal cases.

The legal transformation of New York during the Revolutionary era had a profound impact on the development of American law and society. The reforms that were made during this period helped to create a more democratic and egalitarian legal system. These reforms also laid the foundation for the American legal system that we have today.

#### The Legal Transformation of New York, 1776-1783: A Timeline

- 1776: Declaration of Independence adopted.
- 1777: New York State Constitution adopted.
- 1783: Treaty of Paris ends the Revolutionary War.
- 1788: New York ratifies the U.S. Constitution.
- 1799: New York State Legislature passes a law that gradually emancipates all slaves in the state.

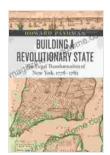
#### The Legal Transformation of New York, 1776-1783: Key Figures

- John Jay: Chief Justice of the New York Supreme Court and a major figure in the drafting of the U.S. Constitution.
- Alexander Hamilton: A lawyer and statesman who played a key role in the drafting of the U.S. Constitution.
- Gouverneur Morris: A lawyer and statesman who was a delegate to the Constitutional Convention.

### The Legal Transformation of New York, 1776-1783: Impact on American Law and Society

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The legal transformation of New York is a fascinating and important chapter in American history. The reforms that were made during this period had a major impact on the development of American law and society. The legacy of these reforms can still be seen today.



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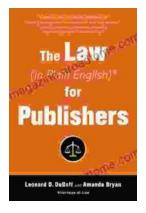
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