

# The Story of the Star-Spangled Banner: The Battle That Inspired the American Anthem

The Star-Spangled Banner is a song that holds a special place in the hearts of Americans. It is a song that is sung at sporting events, at patriotic gatherings, and at other special occasions. But what is the story behind the Star-Spangled Banner? What was the battle that inspired it? And who wrote the words to the song?



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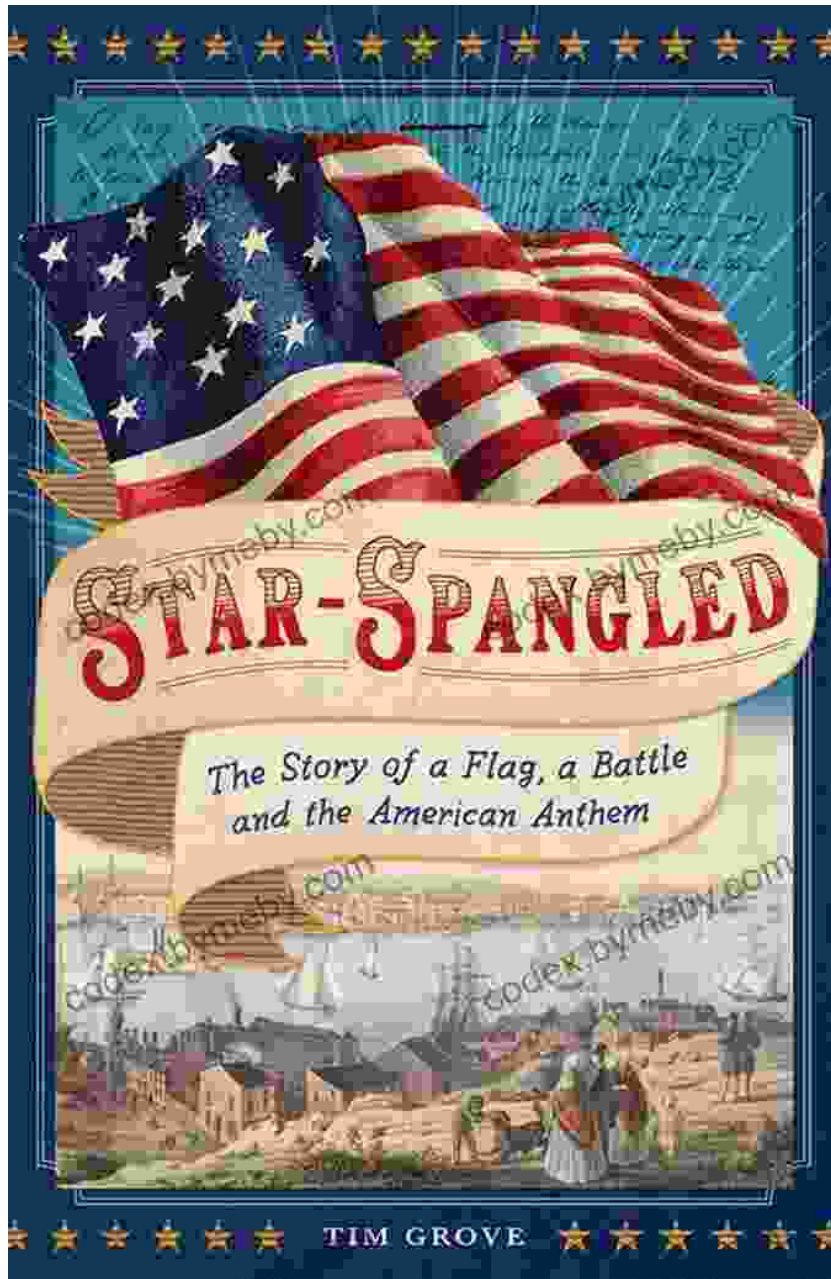
The Battle of Fort McHenry was fought on September 13, 1814, during the War of 1812. The British had invaded Maryland and were planning to attack Baltimore. The Americans were determined to defend the city, and they built a fort on the outskirts of the city to protect it. The British bombarded the fort for 25 hours, but the Americans held their ground. The British

eventually gave up and sailed away. The battle was a victory for the Americans, and it helped to secure the independence of the United States.



## **Francis Scott Key**

Francis Scott Key was a lawyer and a poet. He was born in 1779 in Maryland. Key was a strong supporter of the American cause, and he was horrified by the British invasion of his home state. On September 13, 1814, Key was on a ship that was sailing into Baltimore Harbor when he saw the British bombardment of Fort Mifflin. Key watched the battle all night, and he was inspired by the bravery of the American soldiers. The next day, Key wrote the words to the Star-Spangled Banner.



## **The Star-Spangled Banner**

The Star-Spangled Banner was first sung in public on September 14, 1814, at a victory celebration in Baltimore. The song quickly became popular, and it was soon adopted as the national anthem of the United States. The Star-Spangled Banner is a song that celebrates the bravery of the American

people. It is a song that is sung with pride and passion by Americans all over the world.

The Star-Spangled Banner is a song that has a special meaning for Americans. It is a song that is sung at sporting events, at patriotic gatherings, and at other special occasions. The Star-Spangled Banner is a song that reminds Americans of the sacrifices that have been made to secure the independence of the United States. It is a song that inspires Americans to be proud of their country.



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