

# Don Tread On Me: The Enduring Legacy of Blake Wilson



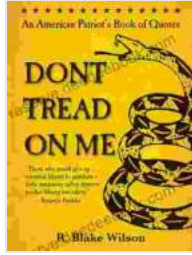
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The Gadsden flag has become an iconic symbol of American patriotism and defiance. The flag's design, featuring a coiled rattlesnake and the words "Don't Tread On Me," was created by Christopher Gadsden in 1775. The flag was first flown by the Continental Marines during the American Revolution.

In recent years, the Gadsden flag has been adopted by the Tea Party movement and other conservative groups. The flag has also been used by protesters at rallies and demonstrations.

The legacy of the Gadsden flag is complex and multifaceted. The flag has been used to represent a wide range of political ideologies, from American Revolutionaries to Tea Party activists. However, the flag's message of defiance and self-reliance has resonated with Americans for centuries.

## **The Origins of the Gadsden Flag**

The Gadsden flag was created by Christopher Gadsden in 1775. Gadsden was a South Carolina planter and politician who served in the Continental Congress. He was also a close friend of George Washington.

Gadsden designed the flag as a symbol of American defiance in the face of British tyranny. The flag's design was inspired by the rattlesnake, a symbol of America's independence and self-reliance. The rattlesnake's coiled posture and venomous bite were a warning to Britain that the American colonies would not tolerate oppression.

The Gadsden flag was first flown by the Continental Marines during the American Revolution. The flag was also flown by American ships during the War of 1812.

### **The Gadsden Flag in the 20th Century**

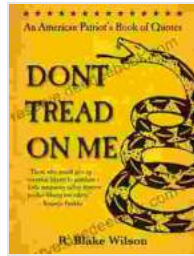
The Gadsden flag continued to be used by Americans throughout the 20th century. The flag was flown by American troops during World War II and the Vietnam War. The flag was also used by protesters during the Civil Rights Movement and the Vietnam War protests.

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### **The Legacy of the Gadsden Flag**

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The Gadsden flag is a reminder of the American spirit of independence and self-reliance. The flag is a symbol of the American people's determination to resist tyranny and oppression.



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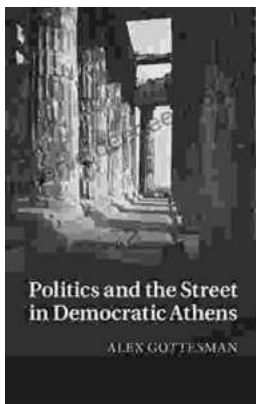
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