



A Political Suicide: The Conservatives Voyage into the Wilderness (Paperback)

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Language: N/A. Brand New Book. *A Political Suicide* gives an insider's account of the Conservative Party's extraordinary journey from the victory of Margaret Thatcher in 1979 to the humiliating defeat of 1997 and beyond, with repercussions that still reverberate today. Norman Fowler was at the heart of the party for many years, as a Cabinet minister with Mrs Thatcher, as party chairman for John Major and in William Hague's shadow Cabinet. The book is largely drawn from diaries kept by the author during the 1980s and 1990s. This fascinating story looks at the key landmarks from 1979 onwards: Margaret Thatcher's early struggles in Cabinet and her unpopularity, redeemed by the Falklands War; her disastrous leadership battle with Michael Heseltine in 1990, which with different tactics she could have won; the start of John Major's premiership and his surprise election victory; in an extended diary extract, the Black Autumn of 1992, when the government abandoned the ERM, provoked a pits crisis and faced rebellions on the Maastricht treaty; the deteriorating relations between Thatcher and Major, her chosen successor; the back to...

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