Lucky To Be Here: The Extraordinary Journey of Herbert Kaufman

In Herbert Kaufman's captivating memoir, "Lucky To Be Here," the renowned political scientist and urban planner recounts his remarkable life, offering a front-row seat to some of the most pivotal events in American history. From his humble beginnings to his illustrious career at Harvard University and the Brookings Institution, Kaufman's story is a testament to the power of education, perseverance, and the indomitable human spirit.



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From Humble Roots to Harvard Heights

Born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1925, Herbert Kaufman was the son of immigrant parents who instilled in him a deep appreciation for learning and hard work. Despite facing financial hardship during the Great Depression, Kaufman excelled in school, eventually earning a scholarship to Harvard University. At Harvard, he studied under renowned scholars such as Henry Kissinger and Samuel Huntington, who would later become lifelong friends and mentors.

After graduating from Harvard, Kaufman returned to New York City to serve as a research associate at the Institute of Public Administration. It was during this time that he began his groundbreaking work on urban planning and policy analysis, which would later earn him international recognition. In 1963, Kaufman was appointed Professor of Political Science at Harvard University, where he taught for over three decades.

A Lifetime of Public Service

Throughout his career, Herbert Kaufman was deeply involved in public service. He served as a member of the National Commission on Urban Problems under President Lyndon B. Johnson and was a key advisor to numerous government agencies, including the Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Environmental Protection Agency. Kaufman's expertise in urban planning and policy analysis made him a sought-after consultant, and his insights helped shape many of the policies that have shaped American cities and towns.

In addition to his work in government, Kaufman was also a prolific author and lecturer. He published over 20 books and countless articles on topics ranging from urban planning and policy analysis to the challenges facing American democracy. His writings were highly influential in both academic and policy circles, and he is considered one of the most important thinkers in the field of public administration.

Lessons for a New Generation

Herbert Kaufman's memoir, "Lucky To Be Here," is not only a fascinating account of one man's life, but also a valuable resource for anyone interested in public service, urban planning, or American history. Kaufman's insights into the workings of government and the challenges facing our

cities are as relevant today as they were when he first wrote them. His story is a reminder that even in the most challenging times, it is possible to make a difference in the world through education, perseverance, and a commitment to service.

For those who aspire to a career in public service or urban planning, Herbert Kaufman's memoir is an essential read. His life and work provide a model for how to use one's knowledge and skills to make a positive impact on society. "Lucky To Be Here" is a testament to the power of education, perseverance, and the indomitable human spirit.

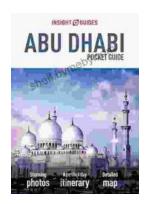
Herbert Kaufman's memoir, "Lucky To Be Here," is a fascinating and inspiring account of an extraordinary life. Through his personal story and his insights into public service, urban planning, and American history, Kaufman offers a valuable resource for anyone interested in making a difference in the world. His memoir is a must-read for anyone who aspires to a career in public service or urban planning, and it will undoubtedly inspire readers of all ages.



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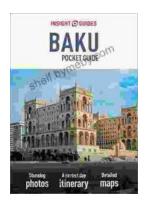
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