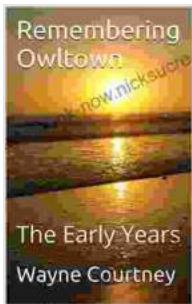


# Remembering Owltown: The Early Years

Owltown, Colorado was a thriving coal mining town in the early 1900s. Located in the Rocky Mountains, Owltown was home to over 1,000 people at its peak. The town had a school, a church, a post office, and several businesses.



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But by the 1950s, the coal mines had closed and Owltown was abandoned. The residents left to find work in other towns and cities. Today, Owltown is a ghost town, but its history is still alive.

## The Founding of Owltown

Owltown was founded in 1891 by a group of coal miners. The miners were attracted to the area by the rich coal deposits in the mountains. The town was named after the owl that was said to live in the nearby forest.

The early years of Owltown were boom times. The coal mines were operating at full capacity and the town was growing rapidly. New businesses were opening up and the population was increasing.

## **The Coal Mines**

The coal mines were the lifeblood of Owltown. The miners worked long hours in dangerous conditions to extract the coal from the earth. The coal was then shipped to other parts of the country to be used to power homes and businesses.

The coal mines were also a source of great danger. There were several mining accidents over the years, some of which resulted in the deaths of miners. The miners were also exposed to dangerous chemicals and dust, which could lead to health problems.

## **The People of Owltown**

The people of Owltown were a diverse group. There were miners, farmers, ranchers, and businessmen. The town was also home to a number of immigrants, who came to Owltown to work in the mines.

The people of Owltown were proud of their town and their heritage. They were a close-knit community and they supported each other through good times and bad.

## **The Decline of Owltown**

The decline of Owltown began in the 1920s, when the coal mines began to close. The Great Depression further hurt the town's economy and many people left to find work elsewhere.

By the 1950s, Owltown was a ghost town. The buildings were abandoned and the streets were empty. The only people who remained were a few elderly residents who refused to leave their homes.

## **Owltown Today**

Today, Owltown is a popular tourist destination. Visitors can explore the abandoned buildings and learn about the town's history. There is also a museum that tells the story of Owltown and its people.

Owltown is a reminder of the boom and bust cycles that have shaped Colorado's history. The town's story is a testament to the hard work and determination of the people who built it.

## **Image Gallery**



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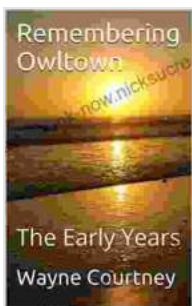


The Owlton coal mine.





The abandoned buildings of Owltown.



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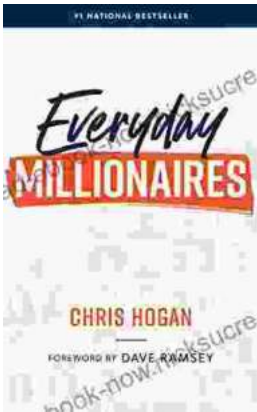
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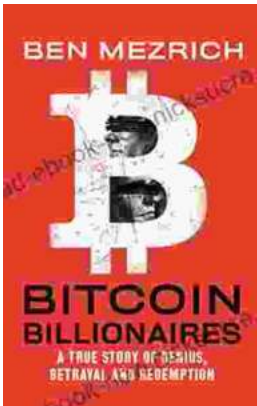
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