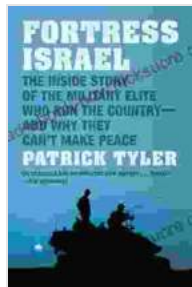


Sergio Marchionne: The Charismatic Visionary Who Rescued Fiat Chrysler and Reshaped the Automotive Industry

Sergio Marchionne, the Italian-Canadian automotive executive who rescued Fiat Chrysler Automobiles from the brink of collapse and transformed it into a global powerhouse, passed away on July 25, 2018, at the age of 66. His death came after a brief but intense battle with cancer.

Marchionne was born in Chieti, Italy, in 1952. He studied philosophy and accounting at the University of Toronto, and then went on to earn an MBA from the IESE Business School in Barcelona. After working as a management consultant and investment banker, he joined Fiat in 2004 as the company's chief operating officer.



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Fiat was in a perilous state at the time. The company had been losing money for years, and its cars were no longer competitive. Marchionne was

tasked with turning the company around, and he wasted no time in taking action.

He implemented a series of cost-cutting measures, including closing factories and laying off workers. He also sold off non-core assets, such as Fiat's stake in Ferrari. These measures were unpopular with some, but they were necessary to stabilize the company's finances.

Once Fiat's financial situation had improved, Marchionne began to focus on product development. He invested heavily in new models, and he also formed alliances with other automakers, such as Chrysler and General Motors.

These alliances helped Fiat to share costs and develop new technologies. They also gave Fiat access to new markets, such as the United States and China.

Under Marchionne's leadership, Fiat Chrysler Automobiles became one of the world's largest automakers. The company's sales increased from 1.8 million vehicles in 2004 to over 4 million vehicles in 2017.

Marchionne was a charismatic and controversial figure. He was known for his sharp wit and his willingness to speak his mind. He was also a tough negotiator, and he was not afraid to take risks.

Marchionne's death is a major loss for the automotive industry. He was a visionary leader who helped to shape the future of the industry. He will be remembered for his charisma, his intelligence, and his unwavering determination.

Marchionne's Legacy

Marchionne's legacy is a mixed one. He is credited with saving Fiat Chrysler Automobiles from bankruptcy, but he is also criticized for his cost-cutting measures and his alliance with Chrysler.

However, there is no doubt that Marchionne was a visionary leader. He saw the potential of Fiat Chrysler Automobiles, and he was not afraid to take risks to achieve his goals.

Marchionne's legacy will continue to be debated for years to come. However, there is no doubt that he was one of the most important figures in the automotive industry in recent decades.

Timeline of Marchionne's Career

* 1952: Born in Chieti, Italy * 1975: Graduates from the University of Toronto with a degree in philosophy and accounting * 1978: Earns an MBA from the IESE Business School in Barcelona * 1979-1981: Works as a management consultant at Deloitte & Touche * 1981-1983: Works as an investment banker at Goldman Sachs * 1983-1986: Works as the chief financial officer of Alusuisse * 1986-1992: Works as the chief executive officer of SGS * 1992-1994: Works as the chief executive officer of Lonza * 1994-2002: Works as the chief executive officer of Alcoa * 2002-2004: Works as the chief financial officer of Fiat * 2004-2018: Works as the chief executive officer of Fiat Chrysler Automobiles * 2018: Dies at the age of 66

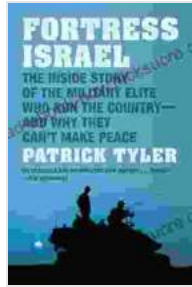
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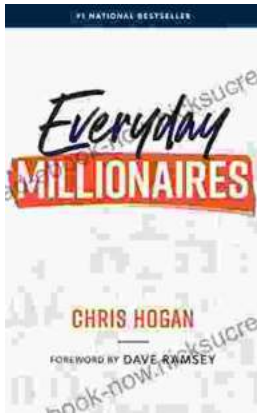
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