

Sherry Lansing: The Making of a Hollywood Groundbreaker



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Sherry Lansing is a trailblazing figure in the Hollywood film industry. She was the first woman to head a major film studio, and she has produced some of the most iconic and successful films of all time. Lansing's career is a testament to her determination, hard work, and passion for film.

Early Life and Career

Sherry Lansing was born on July 31, 1944, in Chicago, Illinois. Her father was a doctor, and her mother was a nurse. Lansing grew up in a close-knit family, and she developed a love of film at a young age. She attended the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where she studied theater and film. After graduating from college, Lansing moved to Los Angeles to pursue a career in the film industry.

Lansing's first job in the film industry was as a secretary at Universal Studios. She quickly worked her way up the ranks, and she eventually became a production executive. In 1980, she was named president of production at 20th Century Fox. Lansing was the first woman to hold this position at a major film studio.

Success at 20th Century Fox

Under Lansing's leadership, 20th Century Fox produced some of the most successful films of the 1980s and 1990s, including *Die Hard*, *Home Alone*, *Titanic*, and *Avatar*. Lansing also helped to develop the careers of some of Hollywood's biggest stars, including Tom Hanks, Julia Roberts, and Brad Pitt.

In 1992, Lansing was promoted to chairman of 20th Century Fox. She was the first woman to hold this position at a major film studio. Lansing continued to lead the studio to success, and she produced some of the most critically acclaimed films of the 1990s, including *Schindler's List*, *The English Patient*, and *Titanic*.

Legacy

Sherry Lansing is a true pioneer in the Hollywood film industry. She was the first woman to head a major film studio, and she has produced some of the most iconic and successful films of all time. Lansing's career is a testament to her determination, hard work, and passion for film. She is an inspiration to women everywhere, and her legacy will continue to inspire future generations of filmmakers.

Awards and Honors

Sherry Lansing has received numerous awards and honors for her work in the film industry. In 1993, she was inducted into the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences. In 1995, she was awarded the Women in Film Crystal Award. In 2001, she received the American Film Institute's Lifetime Achievement Award.

Personal Life

Sherry Lansing is married to William Friedkin, a film director. They have two children. Lansing is also a passionate philanthropist. She is a board member of the American Film Institute, and she is a major supporter of the Motion Picture & Television Fund.

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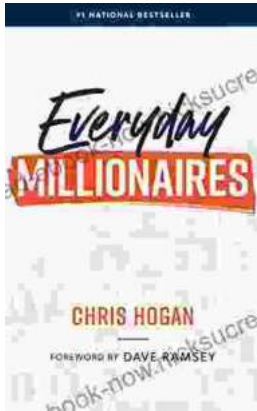
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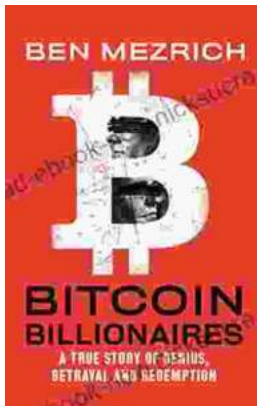
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