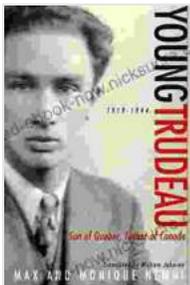


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In 1949, Trudeau married Margaret Sinclair, the daughter of a wealthy Canadian businessman. The couple had three sons: Justin, Alexandre, and Michel.

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Trudeau's second term in office was more difficult. The country was facing a number of economic challenges, including high unemployment and inflation. Trudeau also faced growing opposition from Quebec separatists. In 1982, he was defeated in the federal election by the Progressive Conservative Party.

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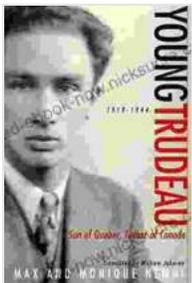
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Trudeau is a polarizing figure in Canadian history. Some Canadians admire him for his intelligence, his charisma, and his reforms. Others criticize him for his arrogance, his elitism, and his policies that they believe weakened Canada. However, there is no doubt that Trudeau was one of the most important figures in Canadian history.

## **Additional Information**

\* Trudeau's father, Charles-Émile Trudeau, was a prominent lawyer and politician. He served as the leader of the Liberal Party of Quebec from 1933 to 1939. \* Trudeau's mother, Grace Elliott, was the daughter of a wealthy American businessman. She was a devout Catholic and a strong supporter of her husband's political career. \* Trudeau was a brilliant student. He excelled in his studies at Collège Jean-de-Brébeuf and the Université de

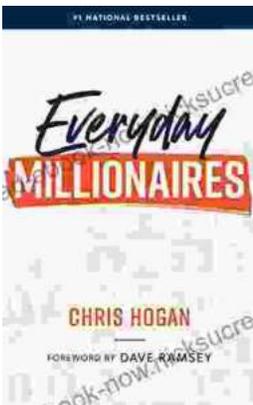
Montréal. He also studied political science at the Sorbonne in Paris. \* Trudeau was a charismatic leader. He was able to connect with people from all walks of life. He was also a skilled orator. \* Trudeau was a complex figure. He was a brilliant intellectual, but he was also arrogant and elitist. He was a strong supporter of Canadian nationalism, but he was also a pragmatist who was willing to compromise to achieve his goals.



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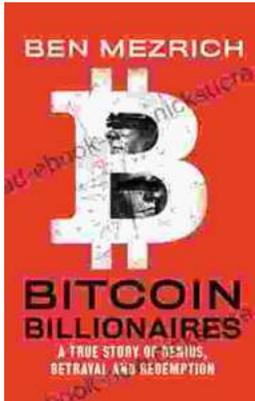
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