The Legendary Miss Lena Horne: A Captivating Journey Through the Life of an Extraordinary Icon



The Legendary Miss Lena Horne by Carole Boston Weatherford

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The name Lena Horne evokes a legacy of glamour, grace, and enduring talent that has captivated generations. As one of the most celebrated singers and actresses of the 20th century, Horne's contributions to the world of entertainment and civil rights are unparalleled.

In "The Legendary Miss Lena Horne," author James Gavin delves into the extraordinary life and career of this groundbreaking icon. From her humble beginnings in Brooklyn to her rise to international stardom, Horne's journey is a testament to her indomitable spirit and unwavering determination.

Born Lena Calhoun Horne in 1917, Horne's exceptional talent was evident from a young age. Her mesmerizing voice and stage presence quickly caught the attention of scouts, and she soon found herself performing in nightclubs and on Broadway. As her fame grew, Horne became a symbol of black elegance and sophistication, breaking down barriers and challenging racial stereotypes.

Throughout her illustrious career, Horne performed alongside some of the biggest names in entertainment, including Sammy Davis Jr., Frank Sinatra, and Nat King Cole. Her collaborations with MGM Studios showcased her versatility as an actress, and she captivated audiences with her unforgettable performances in films like "Cabin in the Sky" and "Ziegfeld Follies."

Beyond her artistic achievements, Horne was an outspoken advocate for civil rights. She refused to perform in segregated venues and used her platform to speak out against racism and inequality. Her activism extended beyond the United States, as she became a strong supporter of the Pan-African movement and traveled the world to promote understanding and peace.

"The Legendary Miss Lena Horne" is a comprehensive and engrossing biography that brings Horne's story to life. Gavin's meticulous research and insightful interviews with Horne's family, friends, and colleagues provide a nuanced portrait of a complex and fascinating woman.

Readers will be captivated by Horne's unwavering determination, her exceptional talent, and her unwavering commitment to fighting for justice. "The Legendary Miss Lena Horne" is a must-read for anyone interested in the history of entertainment, civil rights, and the indomitable spirit of a true icon.

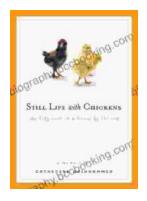
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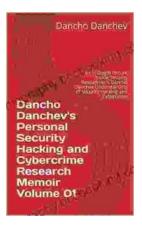
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