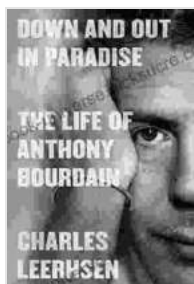


Down and Out in Paradise: An Exploration of Homelessness in Hawai'i

Hawai'i is often depicted as a tropical paradise, a land of stunning beaches, lush rainforests, and vibrant culture. However, beneath this idyllic facade lies a hidden crisis: homelessness. According to the 2023 Point-in-Time Count, there were an estimated 5,570 people experiencing homelessness in Hawai'i on any given night, a number that has been steadily rising in recent years.



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The causes of homelessness in Hawai'i are complex and multifaceted. They include a lack of affordable housing, poverty, mental illness, and addiction. The state's high cost of living makes it difficult for many people to afford a place to live, and the lack of affordable housing options is a major contributing factor to the state's high rate of homelessness.

Poverty is another major cause of homelessness in Hawai'i. The state's median household income is lower than the national average, and many

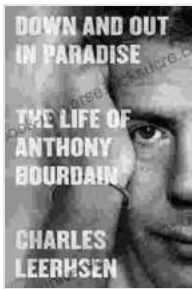
people who live in Hawai'i are struggling to make ends meet. This can make it difficult to afford housing, food, and other basic necessities, and can lead to homelessness.

Mental illness and addiction are also major contributing factors to homelessness in Hawai'i. Many people who experience homelessness have a mental illness or addiction, and these conditions can make it difficult to hold a job or maintain stable housing. People with mental illness or addiction may also be more likely to experience discrimination and stigma, which can make it even more difficult to find housing and employment.

The consequences of homelessness are devastating. People who experience homelessness are more likely to suffer from health problems, mental illness, and addiction. They are also more likely to be victims of crime and violence. Homelessness can also lead to social isolation and exclusion, which can further compound the challenges that people who experience homelessness face.

There are a number of things that can be done to address homelessness in Hawai'i. These include increasing the supply of affordable housing, providing more support services for people with mental illness and addiction, and working to reduce poverty. It is also important to raise awareness about the issue of homelessness and to challenge the stigma that is often associated with it.

Homelessness is a complex and challenging issue, but it is one that can be solved. By working together, we can create a more just and equitable Hawai'i where everyone has a place to call home.



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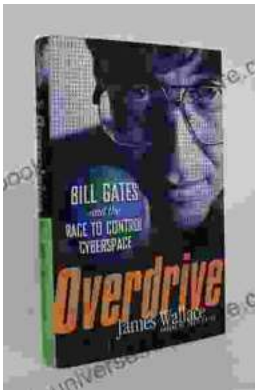
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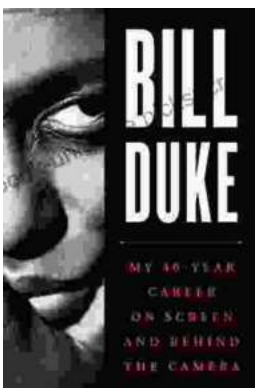
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