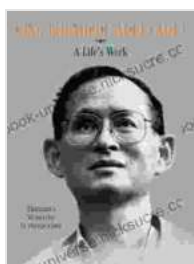


# His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej: A Life Dedicated to Serving the Thai People

King Bhumibol Adulyadej was the ninth king of Thailand and the longest-reigning monarch in the world. He was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts, in 1927 and ascended to the throne in 1946. King Bhumibol was a beloved figure in Thailand and was deeply involved in the country's development. He was known for his wisdom, compassion, and dedication to his people.

## Early life and education

King Bhumibol was born on December 5, 1927, in Cambridge, Massachusetts, to Prince Mahidol Adulyadej and Princess Srinagarindra. His father was a doctor and his mother was a nurse. King Bhumibol had two older sisters, Princess Galyani Vadhana and Princess Prem Purachatra.



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King Bhumibol spent his early years in Europe. He attended school in Switzerland and France. In 1946, he enrolled at Lausanne University in

Switzerland to study law and political science.

## **Accession to the throne**

King Bhumibol's older brother, King Ananda Mahidol, was assassinated in 1946. King Bhumibol was then invited to return to Thailand to ascend to the throne. He was crowned on May 5, 1946, at the age of 18.

## **Reign**

King Bhumibol's reign was marked by his dedication to his people. He was deeply involved in the country's development and was known for his wisdom, compassion, and humility.

King Bhumibol was a strong advocate for education. He established several schools and universities throughout Thailand. He also worked to improve the country's healthcare system and to promote economic development.

King Bhumibol was also a patron of the arts. He was a talented musician and composer. He also supported the development of traditional Thai dance and music.

King Bhumibol was a respected figure on the world stage. He was a close friend of several US presidents, including John F. Kennedy and Ronald Reagan. He also played a key role in the development of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN).

## **Death and legacy**

King Bhumibol died on October 13, 2016, at the age of 88. He was the longest-reigning monarch in the world at the time of his death.

King Bhumibol's legacy is one of dedication to his people. He was a beloved figure in Thailand and his death was a great loss to the country.

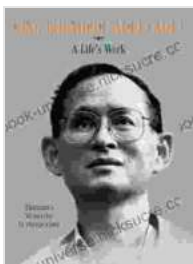
### **Some of King Bhumibol's most notable achievements include:**

- Establishing several schools and universities throughout Thailand
- Improving the country's healthcare system
- Promoting economic development
- Supporting the development of traditional Thai dance and music
- Playing a key role in the development of ASEAN

King Bhumibol was a true father to his people. He will be remembered for his wisdom, compassion, and dedication to his country.

### **Additional resources**

- The Royal Family of Thailand
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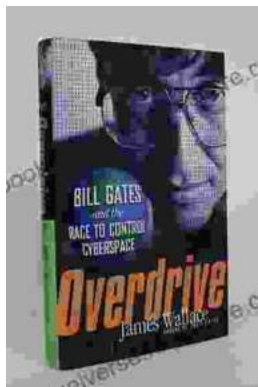
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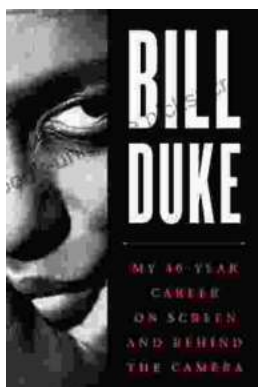
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