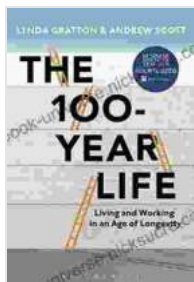


Living and Working in an Age of Longevity: Embracing the Transformative Power of Extended Life Expectancy



The 100-Year Life: Living and Working in an Age of Longevity by Jeremy Rifkin

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We are entering an era of unprecedented longevity. Thanks to advances in healthcare, nutrition, and technology, people are living longer than ever before. In the United States, the average life expectancy at birth is now over 78 years, and it is projected to continue to rise in the coming decades.

This increase in life expectancy has profound implications for our society. For one, it means that we will all have to rethink our traditional notions of retirement. In the past, retirement was seen as a time to finally relax and enjoy the fruits of our labor. But in an age of longevity, retirement may no longer be a viable option for many people.

For one thing, we will simply need to work longer to save for our retirement. The old rule of thumb that says we should save 10% of our income for

retirement is no longer sufficient. In an age of longevity, we may need to save 15% or even 20% of our income just to make sure we have enough money to live on in our later years.

But even if we do save enough money, traditional retirement may not be as appealing as it once was. In the past, retirement was seen as a time to finally do all the things we never had time for, like travel, pursue hobbies, and spend time with family. But if we are living longer and healthier lives, we may not want to give up our careers and our social connections.

Instead of retiring, many people in the future may choose to work part-time or start new businesses. They may also volunteer their time to causes they care about or pursue educational opportunities that they never had time for before. In short, they may choose to live a more active and engaged life in their later years.

The extended longevity present challenges to our economy, and it also creates opportunities. As more people live longer, there will need to be more jobs that are designed for older workers. There will also be growing demand for products and services that are tailored to the needs of older adults.

The changing demographics of our population will also have a major impact on our social fabric. As more people live into their 80s, 90s, and even 100s, we will need to find ways to support them and ensure that they have a good quality of life.

The age of longevity is a major challenge for our society, but it is also an opportunity to rethink our traditional notions of aging, work, and the meaning of life. By embracing the transformative power of extended life

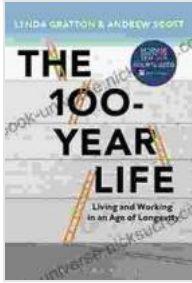
expectancy, we can create a society that is more just, more equitable, and more fulfilling for all.

Innovative Strategies for Navigating the Age of Longevity

Here are a few innovative strategies for navigating the age of longevity:

- **Save early and often.** The sooner you start saving for retirement, the more time your money has to grow. Even small contributions can make a big difference over time.
- **Consider working longer.** If you are healthy and able, consider working longer than you originally planned. This will give you more time to save for retirement and it will also help you to stay active and engaged in your community.
- **Start a new business or pursue a new career.** If you are not ready to retire, you may want to consider starting a new business or pursuing a new career. This can be a great way to stay active and engaged in your later years.
- **Volunteer your time.** Volunteering is a great way to give back to your community and it can also help you to meet new people and make new friends.
- **Pursue educational opportunities.** It is never too late to learn new things. Consider taking classes at a local college or university or enrolling in online courses.

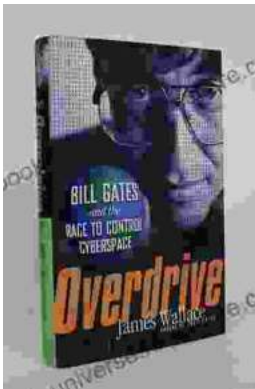
The age of longevity is a time of great change and uncertainty. But by embracing the transformative power of extended life expectancy, we can create a society that is more just, more equitable, and more fulfilling for all.



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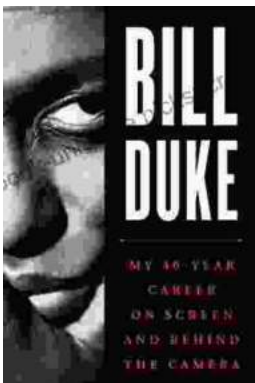
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