

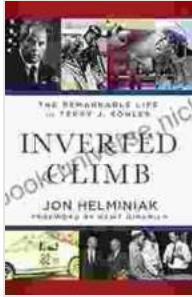
The Extraordinary Journey of Terry Kohler: A Legacy of Innovation, Philanthropy, and Vision



INVERTED CLIMB: The Remarkable Life of Terry J.

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Early Life and Education

Terry Kohler was born in 1933 in Kohler, Wisconsin, the grandson of the founder of the Kohler Company, a global leader in manufacturing and design. Growing up in the heart of the family business, Terry developed a deep appreciation for innovation, craftsmanship, and the importance of giving back to the community.

He attended Yale University, where he earned a degree in economics. After graduating, Terry returned to Kohler and began his career within the family company, eager to make his mark on the world.

Transforming the Kohler Company

Under Terry Kohler's leadership, the Kohler Company underwent a period of remarkable growth and transformation. He recognized the importance of expanding the company's product line beyond plumbing fixtures to include kitchen and bathroom décor, home appliances, and energy systems.

Terry also spearheaded the company's commitment to sustainability and innovation. He invested heavily in research and development, leading to

the creation of groundbreaking products such as the Vortex Dual-Flush Toilet, which significantly reduced water consumption. Kohler's dedication to environmental stewardship earned the company numerous accolades and solidified its position as a leader in sustainable manufacturing.

Philanthropy and Civic Engagement

Beyond his business accomplishments, Terry Kohler was a passionate philanthropist and civic leader. He believed that individuals had a responsibility to support their communities and make a positive impact on the world.

Throughout his life, Terry and his wife, Ginny, donated millions of dollars to organizations focused on education, healthcare, the arts, and environmental protection. Some of their most notable contributions include:

- The establishment of the John Michael Kohler Arts Center in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, a renowned contemporary art museum.
- Support for the Kohler Center for the Arts, a community arts center that provides arts education and outreach programs.
- Major donations to the University of Wisconsin-Madison, including the Kohler Hall for Environmental Research and the expansion of the Wisconsin Institute for Discovery.
- Funding for youth organizations and programs aimed at empowering the next generation of leaders.

Terry's philanthropy was not limited to financial contributions; he also dedicated countless hours to serving on boards and committees, lending his expertise and guidance to organizations he held dear.

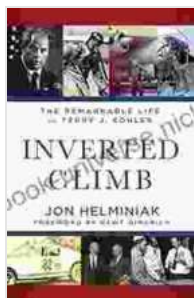
Legacy of Innovation and Impact

Terry Kohler's legacy extends far beyond the walls of the Kohler Company and his philanthropic endeavors. His unwavering commitment to innovation and sustainability has left a lasting impact on the manufacturing industry and beyond.

Kohler's leadership transformed the Kohler Company into a global powerhouse, while his philanthropic contributions have enriched countless lives and communities. His dedication to the arts has fostered cultural vibrancy and inspired future generations of artists.

Terry Kohler passed away in 2021, leaving behind a remarkable legacy that continues to inspire and shape the world we live in. His pioneering spirit, philanthropic heart, and unwavering belief in the power of innovation will forever be remembered.

The life of Terry Kohler is a testament to the transformative power of vision, innovation, and philanthropy. Through his leadership at the Kohler Company and his unwavering commitment to his community, he made an extraordinary impact on the world. Terry Kohler's legacy as an innovator, philanthropist, and champion of the arts will continue to inspire generations to come.



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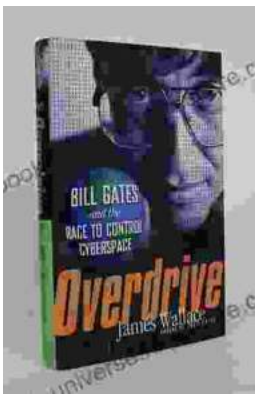
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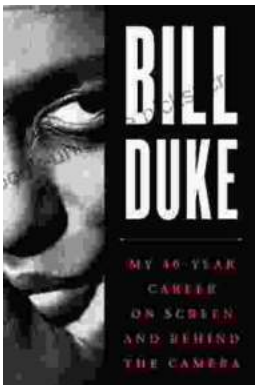
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