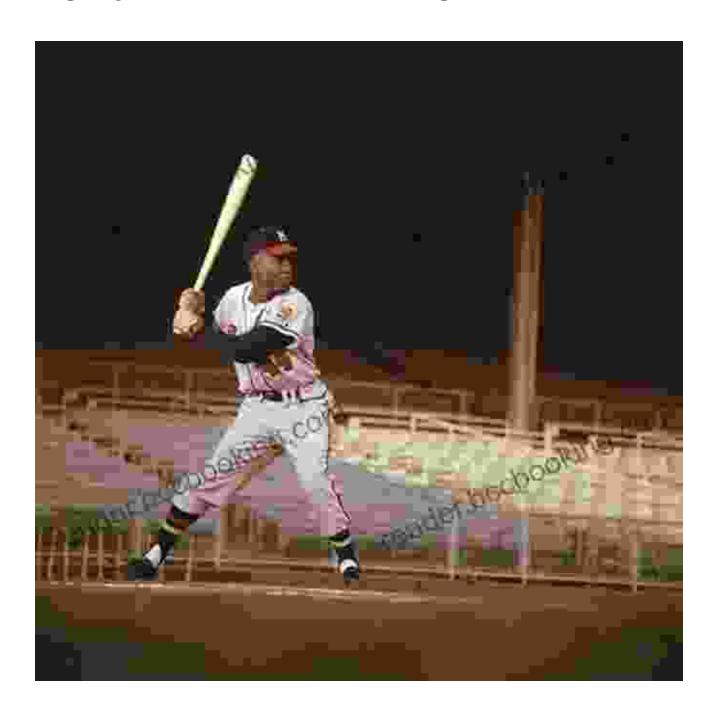
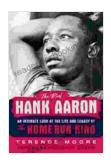
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Henry Louis Aaron, better known as Hank Aaron, is widely regarded as one of the greatest baseball players of all time. With 755 career home runs, he holds the all-time record for most home runs in Major League Baseball history. But Aaron's legacy extends far beyond his on-field accomplishments. He was also a pioneer for civil rights and a role model for generations of African Americans.

This intimate look at the life and legacy of Hank Aaron draws on exclusive interviews, rare photos, and in-depth analysis of his record-breaking career. We'll explore Aaron's humble beginnings, his rise to stardom, and his enduring impact on the game of baseball and American society.

Early Life and Career

Hank Aaron was born on February 5, 1934, in Mobile, Alabama. He was the son of sharecroppers, and he grew up in poverty. Aaron's family moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, when he was 10 years old. There, he began playing baseball and quickly showed signs of his exceptional talent.

Aaron signed his first professional baseball contract with the Milwaukee Braves in 1952. He made his Major League debut in 1954, and he quickly

established himself as one of the best hitters in the game. Aaron was a five-time All-Star, and he won three Gold Gloves for his fielding prowess.

The Home Run King

In 1974, Aaron broke Babe Ruth's all-time home run record. It was a historic moment that was witnessed by millions of fans around the world. Aaron's home run record has stood for more than 40 years, and it is considered one of the most unbreakable records in sports.

Aaron's home run chase was not without controversy. He faced racial prejudice and death threats from some fans. But Aaron never let the hate get to him. He remained focused on his goal, and he eventually broke the record in grand fashion.

Civil Rights Activist

In addition to his accomplishments on the field, Hank Aaron was also a pioneer for civil rights. He was a vocal opponent of segregation, and he used his platform to speak out against racism. Aaron's courage and determination helped to pave the way for other African Americans to succeed in baseball and other areas of American life.

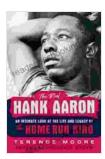
Aaron was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2002 for his contributions to civil rights and his achievements in baseball.

Legacy

Hank Aaron retired from baseball in 1976. He was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame in 1982. Aaron's legacy extends far beyond his baseball accomplishments. He was a pioneer for civil rights, and he is a role model for generations of African Americans.

Hank Aaron died on January 22, 2021, at the age of 86. He is remembered as one of the greatest baseball players of all time and as a courageous civil rights activist.

Hank Aaron was a true American icon. He was a great baseball player, a pioneer for civil rights, and a role model for generations of Americans. His legacy will continue to inspire and motivate people for years to come.



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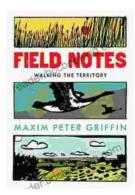
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