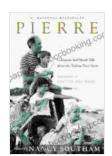
# Colleagues and Friends Talk About the Trudeau They Knew

Pierre Trudeau was one of the most influential and charismatic figures in Canadian history. As Prime Minister, he led the country through some of its most turbulent times, including the October Crisis and the patriation of the Constitution. He was also a passionate advocate for social justice and equality.

Trudeau's legacy is still debated today, but there is no doubt that he was a complex and fascinating figure. In this book, colleagues and friends share their memories and reflections of the man they knew.

The book is divided into three parts. The first part focuses on Trudeau's early life and career. The second part examines his time as Prime Minister, while the third part explores his post-political life.



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Throughout the book, Trudeau's colleagues and friends paint a vivid portrait of a man who was both brilliant and flawed. They describe his intelligence, his wit, and his charm. But they also discuss his arrogance, his temper, and his sometimes reckless behavior.

The book is a valuable addition to the literature on Pierre Trudeau. It provides a unique glimpse into the life of one of Canada's most important leaders.

Pierre Trudeau was born in Montreal, Quebec, on October 18, 1919. His father, Charles-Émile Trudeau, was a wealthy lawyer and businessman. His mother, Grace Elliott, was a Scottish-Canadian socialite. Trudeau was the eldest of three children.

Trudeau attended Collège Jean-de-Brébeuf, a Jesuit preparatory school in Montreal. He then studied law at the Université de Montréal. After graduating, he worked as a lawyer in Montreal and Paris.

In 1948, Trudeau married Margaret Sinclair, a fellow law student. They had three sons: Justin, Alexandre, and Michel.

### **Trudeau's Early Life and Career**

Trudeau was a brilliant student and a gifted athlete. He was also a voracious reader and a passionate debater. As a young man, he was drawn to politics and social activism.

In 1949, Trudeau was elected to the Quebec National Assembly as a Liberal member of Parliament. He quickly became a rising star in the party.

In 1965, he was appointed Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada by Prime Minister Lester Pearson.

As Minister of Justice, Trudeau oversaw the of a number of important reforms, including the decriminalization of homosexuality. He also played a key role in the patriation of the Constitution in 1982.

#### **Trudeau's Time as Prime Minister**

Trudeau became Prime Minister in 1968. He was just 49 years old, the youngest person to ever hold the office.

Trudeau's time as Prime Minister was a period of great change in Canada. He introduced a number of progressive policies, including universal healthcare and multiculturalism. He also played a key role in the negotiation of the Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement.

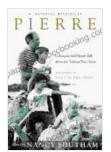
However, Trudeau's time as Prime Minister was also marked by controversy. He was criticized for his handling of the October Crisis and for his support of the Vietnam War. He was also a target of the separatist movement in Quebec.

#### **Trudeau's Post-Political Life**

Trudeau retired from politics in 1984. He continued to be active in public life, however, and he remained a vocal advocate for social justice and equality.

Trudeau died in Montreal on September 28, 2000. He was 80 years old.

Pierre Trudeau was a complex and fascinating figure. He was a brilliant politician, a passionate advocate for social justice, and a devoted family man. He will be remembered as one of Canada's most important leaders.



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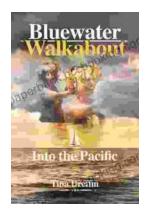
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