# All the Money in the World: The True Story of the Getty Kidnapping

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The film tells the story of the kidnapping from the perspective of Harris, who was desperate to save her son but was frustrated by Getty Sr.'s refusal to

pay the ransom. Plummer gives a powerful performance as Getty Sr., a ruthless and unfeeling man who was more concerned with protecting his wealth than with the safety of his grandson.

The film is a gripping and suspenseful thriller, but it is also a powerful indictment of the greed and selfishness of the ultra-wealthy. Getty Sr. was a billionaire many times over, but he was unwilling to part with even a small fraction of his fortune to save his own grandson. His actions show the true nature of wealth and power, and they are a reminder that even the richest people in the world are not immune to the consequences of their own actions.

#### The Kidnapping

On July 10, 1973, John Paul Getty III was walking home from a party in Rome when he was abducted by a group of kidnappers. The kidnappers demanded a ransom of \$17 million, but Getty Sr. refused to pay, believing that it would only encourage further kidnappings. After five months of captivity, Getty III was released, but he was severely traumatized by the experience.

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#### The Investigation and Trial

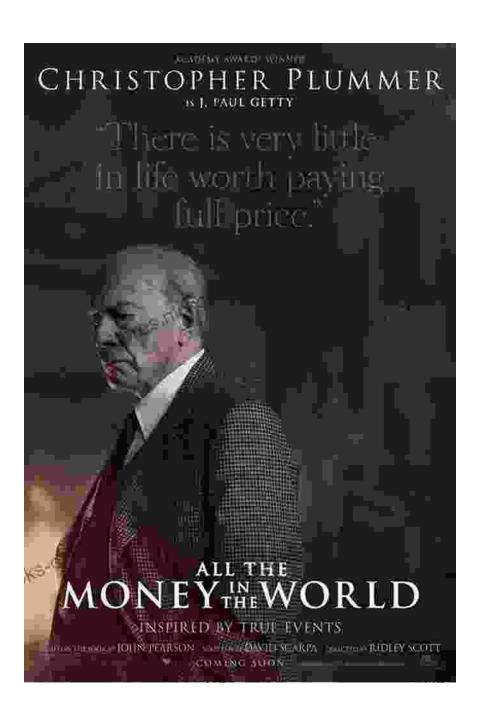
After Getty III was released, the Italian police launched an investigation into the kidnapping. The investigation led to the arrest of nine men, who were all convicted of kidnapping and extortion. The leader of the group, a man named Girolamo Piromalli, was sentenced to life in prison. The other eight men received sentences ranging from 10 to 25 years in prison.

The trial of the kidnappers was a major media event, and it helped to raise awareness of the problem of kidnapping in Italy. The trial also helped to bring closure to the Getty family, who had been through a traumatic ordeal.

#### The Legacy of the Getty Kidnapping

The kidnapping of John Paul Getty III had a profound impact on the Getty family and on the world at large. The kidnapping led to the creation of the Getty Oil Company, which became one of the largest oil companies in the world. The kidnapping also led to the establishment of the J. Paul Getty Trust, which is one of the largest philanthropic organizations in the world.

The kidnapping of John Paul Getty III is a reminder of the dangers of wealth and power. It is also a reminder of the importance of family and the power of love. The Getty family was able to overcome the trauma of the kidnapping and go on to live happy and successful lives. Their story is an inspiration to us all.



All the Money in the World (2017 film)

All the Money in the World is a 2017 biographical crime drama film directed by Ridley Scott and written by David Scarpa. The film is based on the 1995 book of the same name by John Pearson. The film stars Michelle Williams as Gail Harris, Christopher Plummer as J. Paul Getty, and Mark Wahlberg as Fletcher Chace.

The film tells the story of the kidnapping of John Paul Getty III in 1973. Getty Sr. is initially reluctant to pay the ransom, but he eventually does so after Gail threatens to go public with the story. The film follows the investigation into the kidnapping and the subsequent trial of the kidnappers.

All the Money in the World was a critical and commercial success. The film was nominated for three Academy Awards, including Best Picture, Best Director, and Best Supporting Actor for Plummer. The film also won the Golden Globe Award for Best Supporting Actor for Plummer.

#### Cast

\* Michelle Williams as Gail Harris \* Christopher Plummer as J. Paul Getty \* Mark Wahlberg as Fletcher Chace \* Romain Duris as Cinquanta \* Timothy Hutton as Oswald Hinge \* Charlie Plummer as John Paul Getty III

#### Reception

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#### Legacy

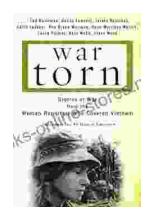
All the Money in the World is a powerful and moving film that tells the story of a tragic event. The film is a reminder of the dangers of wealth and power, and it is also a reminder of the importance of family and the power of love.



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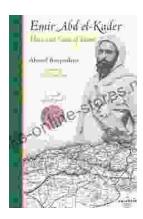
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