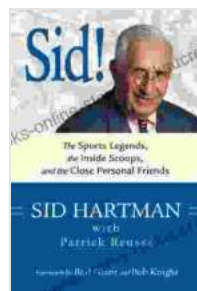


# Sid Hartman: The Legendary Sports Columnist Whose Wit and Wisdom Captivated Minnesota for Decades

Sid Hartman, the iconic sports columnist who chronicled the Minnesota sports scene for over 70 years, left an indelible mark on the state's sporting landscape with his sharp wit, keen insights, and unwavering passion for the game.



**Sid!** by Sid Hartman

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## Early Years and Career

Born in Minneapolis in 1920, Hartman began his journalism career at the age of 16, writing for his high school newspaper. After a brief stint in the army during World War II, he joined the Minneapolis Star Tribune in 1943 as a general assignment reporter.

Hartman's love for sports led him to cover the Minneapolis Lakers basketball team in 1954. His insightful reporting and witty prose quickly

caught the attention of readers, and in 1959, he became the Star Tribune's sports columnist, a position he held until his retirement in 2019.

## **"The Sid Hartman Show" and Beyond**

In addition to his newspaper column, Hartman hosted a popular radio show on WCCO called "The Sid Hartman Show." For over 40 years, Hartman shared his thoughts on the latest sports news, interviewed athletes and coaches, and engaged in lively debates with listeners.

Hartman's reach extended beyond Minnesota. He covered countless national sporting events, including Super Bowls, World Series, and Olympic Games. He was also a respected commentator on ESPN and other national media outlets.

Throughout his career, Hartman received numerous awards and accolades. He was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, the Hockey Hall of Fame, and the Pro Football Hall of Fame. He was also awarded the Red Smith Award, the highest honor given to sportswriters by the Associated Press Sports Editors.

## **Wit, Wisdom, and Legacy**

Hartman's writing was known for its wit, humor, and candor. He had a knack for capturing the essence of athletes and teams in a few well-chosen words, and his columns were often filled with memorable quotes and anecdotes.

"I'm not a sportswriter. I'm a storyteller. I tell stories about people who happen to be athletes."

Hartman's influence on Minnesota sports cannot be overstated. He helped to shape the state's sporting identity, chronicling the rise of the Vikings, the Twins, and the Wild. He also played a key role in bringing major sporting events to Minnesota, including the 1992 Super Bowl and the 1985 World Series.

Hartman passed away in 2021 at the age of 100. His legacy as a legendary sports columnist and a beloved figure in Minnesota sports will continue to be celebrated for generations to come.

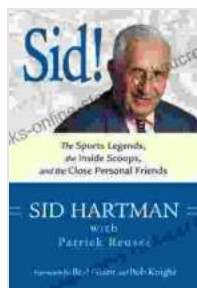
### **Notable Quotes and Anecdotes**

Hartman's columns were filled with memorable quotes and anecdotes that reflected his wit, wisdom, and love for the game.

- "If you're not having fun, you're not ng it right."
- "There are two things you can't control in life: your team's record and the weather."
- "The only thing worse than a bad team is a boring team."
- "I've seen enough to know that anything can happen in sports. And usually does."
- "The best part of sports is the people. The athletes, the coaches, the fans. They're what make it all worthwhile."

Sid Hartman was more than just a sports columnist. He was a master storyteller, a keen observer of human nature, and a tireless advocate for the state of Minnesota. His wit, wisdom, and passion for the game

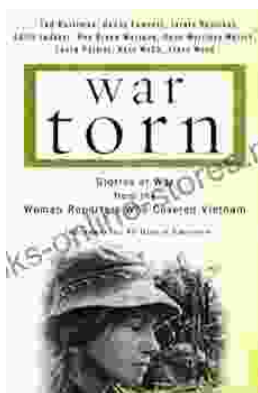
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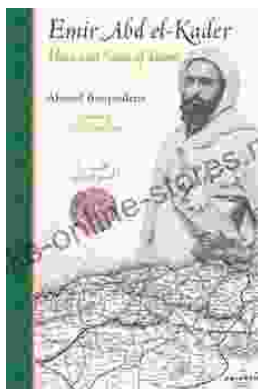
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