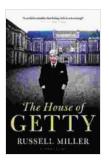
# The House of Getty: A Dynasty of Wealth, Power, and Scandal

#### J. Paul Getty

J. Paul Getty was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in 1892. His father, George Franklin Getty, was a successful oilman. Getty dropped out of high school at the age of 16 to work in his father's business. In 1914, he founded his own oil company, the Getty Oil Company.

Getty was a ruthless businessman who was determined to make his company the most successful oil company in the world. He was known for his aggressive tactics, and he often used his wealth to intimidate his competitors. Getty also had a reputation for being a tightfisted miser. He was known to clip coupons and drive a beat-up car.

Despite his wealth, Getty was not a happy man. He was estranged from his wife and children, and he was often lonely and depressed. He died in 1976 at the age of 83.



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#### J. Paul Getty Jr.

J. Paul Getty Jr. was born in 1932. He was the eldest son of J. Paul Getty and his second wife, Ann Rork. Getty Jr. was a handsome and charming young man, and he quickly became a fixture on the international jet set. He was known for his lavish parties and his beautiful women.

Getty Jr. was also a successful businessman. He ran the Getty Oil Company after his father's death, and he expanded the company's operations into new markets. However, Getty Jr. was also a spendthrift. He spent his father's money as fast as he could earn it, and he often ran into debt.

Getty Jr. was married five times. He had four children with his first wife, Gail Harris. He also had a son with his second wife, Talitha Pol, who died of a drug overdose in 1971. Getty Jr. died in 2003 at the age of 70.

#### J. Paul Getty III

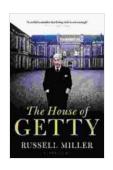
J. Paul Getty III was born in 1956. He was the eldest son of J. Paul Getty Jr. and his third wife, Gail Harris. Getty III was a troubled young man. He was addicted to drugs, and he often got into trouble with the law.

In 1973, Getty III was kidnapped by a group of Italian criminals. The kidnappers demanded a ransom of \$17 million. Getty Jr. refused to pay the ransom, saying that he did not want to encourage other kidnappings.

Getty III was held captive for five months. During that time, he was tortured and beaten. Finally, in December 1973, Getty Jr. agreed to pay the ransom. Getty III was released, but he was never the same. He was addicted to drugs and alcohol, and he suffered from mental health problems. Getty III died in 2011 at the age of 54.

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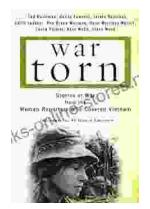
The House of Getty is a fascinating and tragic story. It is a story of greed, ambition, and betrayal, but it is also a story of love, loyalty, and hope. The Gettys are a family that has been both blessed and cursed by its wealth.



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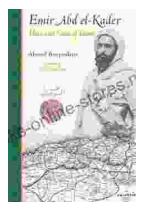
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