

Who Is Michael Ovitz: Hollywood's Former Prince Who Fell from Grace



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Michael Ovitz is a former Hollywood agent who co-founded Creative Artists Agency (CAA), one of the most powerful talent agencies in the world. At the height of his career, Ovitz was considered one of the most influential people in the entertainment industry. However, his career came crashing down in the late 1990s, and he has since become a cautionary tale about the dangers of hubris.

Early Life and Career

Michael Ovitz was born in Chicago, Illinois, on December 14, 1946. His father was a doctor, and his mother was a homemaker. Ovitz attended the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), where he studied economics. After graduating from UCLA, Ovitz worked as a talent agent at the William Morris Agency. In 1975, he co-founded CAA with Ron Meyer, Bill Haber, and Rowland Perkins.

Rise to Power

Under Ovitz's leadership, CAA quickly became one of the most successful talent agencies in Hollywood. Ovitz was known for his aggressive negotiating style and his ability to get his clients the best possible deals. He represented some of the biggest stars in the world, including Tom Cruise, Nicole Kidman, and Brad Pitt.

In addition to his success as an agent, Ovitz also served as the president of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences from 1997 to 1999. He was the first agent to hold the position.

Fall from Grace

Ovitz's career began to unravel in the late 1990s. In 1995, he was forced to resign as president of CAA after a power struggle with his partners. He then started his own management company, Artists Management Group (AMG). However, AMG was never able to achieve the same level of success as CAA.

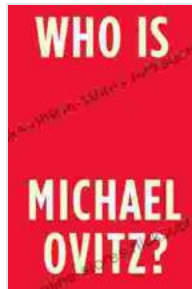
Ovitz's downfall was due to a number of factors, including his own hubris, his inability to adapt to the changing entertainment landscape, and his strained relationships with his former partners.

Later Years

Since leaving the entertainment industry, Ovitz has pursued a number of other ventures. He has written a book, produced a few films, and invested in several businesses. He is also a co-owner of the Golden State Warriors basketball team.

Legacy

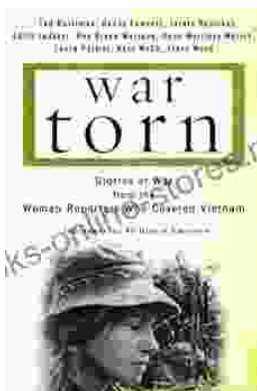
Michael Ovitz is a complex and controversial figure. He was one of the most powerful agents in Hollywood history, but his career was ultimately undone by his own hubris. He is a cautionary tale about the dangers of success and the importance of staying grounded.



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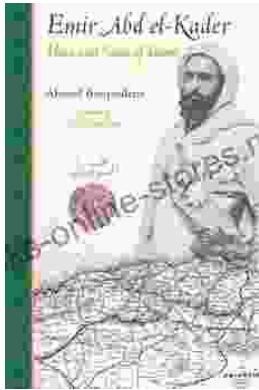
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