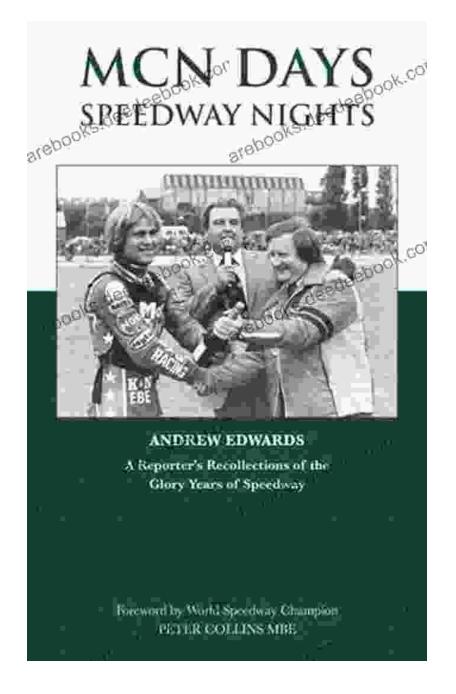
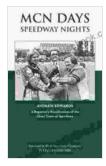
## McN Days Speedway Nights: A History of the **Legendary Event**



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#### **Origins and Early Years**

McN Days Speedway Nights has its roots in the McNerney family, who owned a local auto parts store in McPherson, Kansas. In the early 1930s, the family organized a car race as a way to promote their business. The event was a success, attracting a large crowd and generating excitement in the community.

Over the next few years, the car race evolved into a more elaborate event, featuring a variety of racing classes and stunt performances. In 1948, the McNerneys partnered with the McPherson Chamber of Commerce to create McN Days, a three-day festival that included the Speedway Nights event.

#### **Golden Years and Expansion**

In the 1950s and 1960s, McN Days Speedway Nights became one of the premier racing events in the Midwest. The event attracted top drivers from across the region, and the crowds continued to grow. In 1958, the event moved to a new location, the McPherson County Fairgrounds, which provided more space for racing and spectators.

During this period, the event also incorporated more thrilling stunts, including motorcycle jumps, car flips, and daredevil acts. The most popular stunt was the "human cannonball," where a performer would be shot out of a cannon over the track.

#### Modern Era

Today, McN Days Speedway Nights is still a major event in McPherson, Kansas. It is held annually over the Labor Day weekend and draws over 60,000 spectators. The event features a wide variety of racing classes, including sprint cars, modifieds, late models, and demolition derbies.

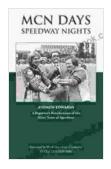
In addition to the racing, Speedway Nights also offers a carnival, food vendors, and live music. The event is a key part of the McPherson community, generating economic activity and bringing people together for a weekend of excitement and entertainment.

#### Impact on the Community

McN Days Speedway Nights has had a significant impact on the McPherson community. The event generates over \$1 million in economic activity annually. It also helps to promote McPherson as a tourist destination.

Beyond the economic benefits, McN Days Speedway Nights also has a social impact. The event is a way for the community to come together and celebrate its heritage. It is also a way for people to experience the thrill of racing and stunts in a safe and controlled environment.

McN Days Speedway Nights is a legendary event that has been a part of the McPherson, Kansas community for over 80 years. The event has evolved over time, but it has always remained a source of excitement and entertainment for people of all ages. Whether you are a fan of racing, stunts, or just a good time, McN Days Speedway Nights is an event that you will not want to miss.



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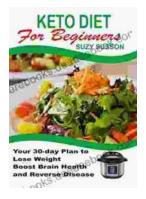
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