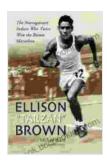
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A Legacy of Perseverance and Inspiration



In the annals of running history, the name Clarence DeMar stands as a symbol of resilience, determination, and triumph. Born into the Narragansett Indian tribe in 1888, DeMar defied countless obstacles to become the first Native American to win the prestigious Boston Marathon not once, but twice.

Growing up in a small Rhode Island community, DeMar's passion for running ignited early. He honed his skills on the rugged trails near his home, often running barefoot. Despite facing prejudice and discrimination as a Native American, DeMar's burning desire to prove his worth propelled him forward.

The 1911 Boston Marathon: A Historic Victory

In 1911, DeMar made history by becoming the first Native American to compete in the Boston Marathon. The race proved to be a grueling challenge, with freezing rain and strong winds testing the limits of the runners. Undeterred, DeMar surged ahead, his unwavering spirit and exceptional endurance carrying him to a remarkable victory.

DeMar's triumph sent shockwaves through the running community. He shattered stereotypes and inspired countless others with his determination and courage. As he crossed the finish line, the crowd erupted in cheers, recognizing the significance of his achievement.

Triumph Again in 1913

Two years later, DeMar returned to Boston with an even greater fire in his heart. He had dedicated himself to rigorous training, determined to prove that his first victory was no fluke. The 1913 race unfolded as a thrilling contest, with DeMar battling neck-and-neck with his competitors.

In the final stretch, DeMar summoned his last ounce of strength, his powerful stride carrying him towards the finish. As he broke the tape, a deafening roar filled the stadium. For the second time, Clarence DeMar had conquered the Boston Marathon, cementing his status as a true legend of the sport.

Overcoming Adversity

Beyond his athletic achievements, DeMar's story is a testament to his unwavering resilience. He faced countless challenges throughout his life, including prejudice, poverty, and health issues. Through it all, he remained resolute, using his running as a source of strength and motivation.

DeMar's success inspired Native Americans across the country, giving them a symbol of hope and pride. He became a role model for young athletes, proving that with hard work and determination, anything is possible.

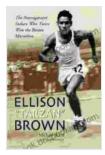
Legacy of Clarence DeMar

Clarence DeMar's legacy extends far beyond his two Boston Marathon victories. He paved the way for future generations of Native American runners, inspiring countless athletes who came after him.

Today, DeMar's name is synonymous with perseverance, athleticism, and the indomitable spirit of the Narragansett people. His story continues to inspire and motivate people from all walks of life, reminding us that even the greatest obstacles can be overcome with determination and courage.

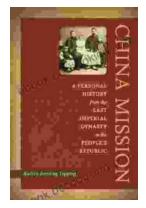
The story of Clarence DeMar is a timeless tale of triumph over adversity. As a Narragansett Indian who twice won the Boston Marathon, he became a legend in the world of running and an inspiration to people everywhere. His legacy continues to live on, reminding us that with perseverance, dedication, and unwavering spirit, we can all achieve our dreams.

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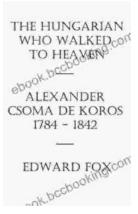
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