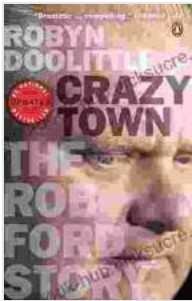


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Rob Ford was a larger-than-life figure who dominated Toronto politics for nearly a decade. He was a controversial and polarizing figure, but he was also a man with a heart of gold. His story is a cautionary tale about the dangers of unchecked ambition and the consequences of addiction.

## The Early Years

Rob Ford was born in Toronto in 1969. He was the son of Doug Ford Sr., a successful businessman and politician. Rob attended Richview Collegiate Institute in Etobicoke, where he played football and hockey. He went on to study political science at Carleton University in Ottawa.

After graduating from university, Ford worked in his father's business. He also became involved in politics, serving as a councilor for Ward 2 Etobicoke North from 1999 to 2003. In 2003, he was elected to the Toronto City Council, where he represented Ward 2 Etobicoke North until 2010.

## **The Mayor of Toronto**

In 2010, Ford ran for mayor of Toronto. He campaigned on a promise to cut taxes and reduce spending. He also promised to build a subway line to Scarborough, a long-neglected area of the city.

Ford won the election in a landslide, defeating incumbent mayor David Miller. He became the 64th mayor of Toronto on December 1, 2010.

As mayor, Ford quickly became known for his outspoken and often controversial views. He was a vocal critic of the city's transit system, and he often clashed with city councilors over his budget cuts.

In 2013, Ford admitted to smoking crack cocaine. The admission came after months of speculation and denials. Ford apologized for his behavior, but he refused to resign.

The crack cocaine scandal damaged Ford's reputation, but he remained popular with many Toronto voters. He was re-elected in 2014, but he died of cancer in 2016.

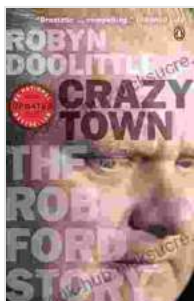
## **The Legacy of Rob Ford**

Rob Ford was a complex and contradictory figure. He was a populist who appealed to the common man, but he was also a flawed individual who struggled with addiction.

Ford's legacy is mixed. He will be remembered for his controversial policies and his personal struggles. However, he will also be remembered for his compassion and his commitment to the city of Toronto.

## Additional Information

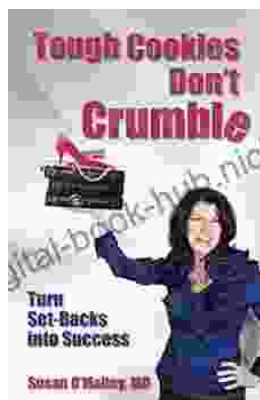
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