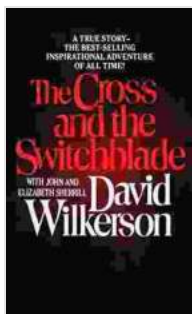


The Cross and the Switchblade: A Story of Redemption and Restoration



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The Cross and the Switchblade is a powerful and inspiring story of redemption and restoration. It tells the true story of David Wilkerson, a young pastor who was called to minister to the gangs of New York City.

Wilkerson was born in Hammond, Indiana, in 1931. He grew up in a Christian home, but he rebelled against his faith as a teenager. After graduating from high school, he joined the Air Force. While in the Air Force, he was stationed in Alaska. It was there that he had a life-changing experience. One night, he was reading a newspaper article about a teenage gang member who had been killed in a knife fight. The article haunted Wilkerson, and he began to pray for the young man. Shortly after, he felt called to become a pastor.

Wilkerson left the Air Force and enrolled in Central Bible College in Springfield, Missouri. After graduating from college, he moved to New York City to work with the gangs. He started a ministry called Teen Challenge, which provided food, shelter, and counseling to gang members. Wilkerson's work was controversial at first, but he eventually gained the respect of the gangs. He helped many young people turn their lives around, and he inspired countless others.

The Cross and the Switchblade was written by Wilkerson in 1963. The book tells the story of his ministry to the gangs of New York City. It is a powerful and inspiring account of redemption and restoration. The book has been translated into more than 30 languages and has sold more than 15 million copies.

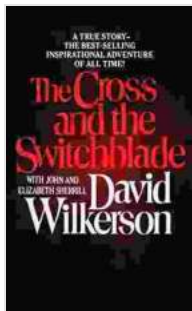
Wilkerson died in a car accident in 2011. He was 79 years old. He left behind a legacy of hope and redemption. His work continues to inspire people around the world.

The Impact of The Cross and the Switchblade

The Cross and the Switchblade has had a profound impact on the lives of countless people. The book has inspired many people to become involved in ministry to the poor and marginalized. It has also helped to change the way that society views gangs and gang members. Today, there are many Teen Challenge programs around the world that are helping young people turn their lives around.

The Cross and the Switchblade is a powerful and inspiring story that continues to change lives today. It is a story of hope and redemption that will give you hope for the future.

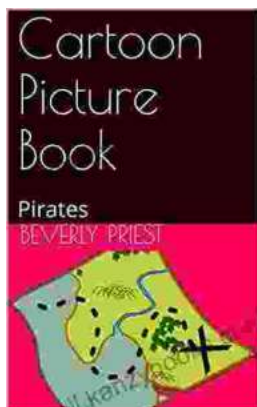
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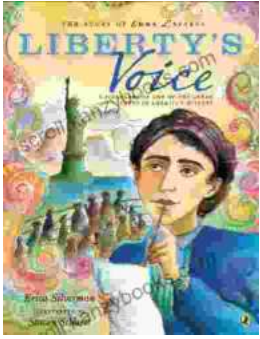
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