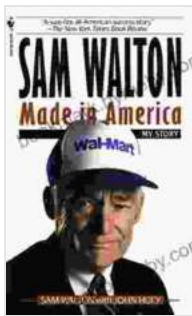


# Sam Walton: The American Dream Personified

Sam Walton, the founder of Walmart, is one of the most iconic and influential figures in American business history. His innovative approach to retailing transformed the industry and created one of the largest and most successful companies in the world. Walton's story is a classic American dream come true, a tale of hard work, determination, and unwavering belief in the power of free enterprise.



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## Humble Beginnings

Sam Walton was born in Kingfisher, Oklahoma, in 1918. His father was a farmer and his mother was a schoolteacher. Walton grew up in modest circumstances, but he was always ambitious and driven. He started his first business, a five-and-dime store, when he was just 21 years old. The store was not a success, but Walton learned valuable lessons from the experience.



## **The Birth of Walmart**

In 1962, Walton opened the first Walmart store in Rogers, Arkansas. The store was an immediate success, and Walton quickly expanded the business. By the early 1970s, Walmart was the largest discount retailer in the United States. Walton's success was due in part to his innovative

business model. He offered low prices on a wide variety of goods, and he kept his costs low by operating his stores efficiently.



The first Walmart store, opened in 1962.

## **Expansion and Innovation**

Walmart continued to grow rapidly throughout the 1980s and 1990s. Walton opened new stores all over the United States, and he also expanded into international markets. In addition to its traditional discount stores, Walmart also launched new concepts, such as Sam's Club warehouse stores and Walmart Supercenters. Walton was always looking for new ways to improve his business, and he was not afraid to experiment with new ideas.



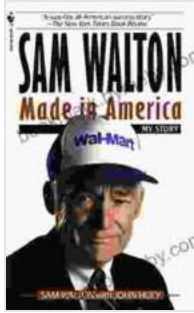
## Legacy

Sam Walton died in 1992, but his legacy continues to live on. Walmart is now the largest retailer in the world, with over 11,000 stores in 27 countries. The company employs over 2.3 million people and generates over \$500 billion in annual revenue. Walton's innovative business model has been widely imitated, and his philosophy of customer service is still the foundation of Walmart's success.



Sam Walton's legacy as a business leader and philanthropist.

Sam Walton was a true American icon. He built one of the largest and most successful companies in the world, and he transformed the retail industry. Walton's story is a testament to the power of hard work, determination, and free enterprise. He is an inspiration to entrepreneurs and business leaders around the world.



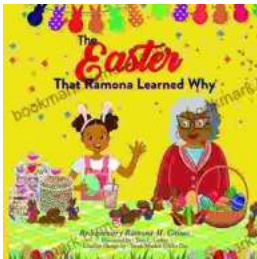
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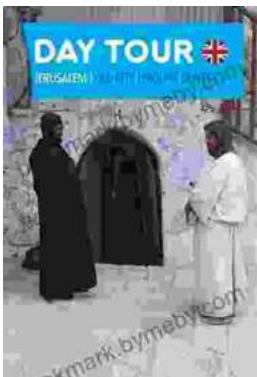
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