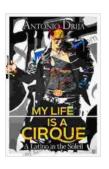
My Life Is Cirque: A Journey of Triumphs, Tragedies, and the Unbreakable Human Spirit

Guy Laliberté's memoir, *My Life Is Cirque*, is a captivating tale of triumph, tragedy, and the unbreakable human spirit. Laliberté, the founder of Cirque du Soleil, shares his incredible journey from humble beginnings to becoming one of the most successful entertainers in the world.

Laliberté's story begins in a small town in Quebec, Canada. He was raised in a poor family and dropped out of school at a young age. However, he always had a passion for the arts and performance. In his early twenties, he traveled to Europe and worked as a street performer. It was during this time that he met Daniel Gauthier, another aspiring performer. Together, they founded Cirque du Soleil in 1984.



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Cirque du Soleil quickly became a global phenomenon. Laliberté's unique vision of combining circus arts with theater and music created a new form of entertainment that captivated audiences around the world. However,

success did not come without its challenges. In 2008, the global financial crisis hit Cirque du Soleil hard. The company was forced to lay off thousands of employees and close several shows.

Laliberté was devastated by the crisis, but he refused to give up. He worked tirelessly to save Cirque du Soleil, and eventually, the company emerged from bankruptcy. Today, Cirque du Soleil is once again one of the most successful entertainment companies in the world. Laliberté's story is a testament to the power of perseverance and the unbreakable human spirit.

Triumphs

Laliberté's life has been marked by a series of triumphs. He has founded one of the most successful entertainment companies in the world, and his shows have been seen by millions of people around the globe. Laliberté has also been recognized for his philanthropic work, and he is a recipient of the Order of Canada.

One of Laliberté's greatest triumphs was the creation of Cirque du Soleil. Laliberté's vision for Cirque du Soleil was to create a new form of entertainment that would combine circus arts with theater and music. He wanted to create a show that would be both visually stunning and emotionally engaging. Laliberté's vision was realized with the creation of Cirque du Soleil's first show, *Saltimbanco*, in 1992. *Saltimbanco* was a huge success, and it helped to launch Cirque du Soleil on the path to global success.

Another one of Laliberté's triumphs was his successful navigation of the global financial crisis. In 2008, the global financial crisis hit Cirque du Soleil hard. The company was forced to lay off thousands of employees and

close several shows. Laliberté was devastated by the crisis, but he refused to give up. He worked tirelessly to save Cirque du Soleil, and eventually, the company emerged from bankruptcy.

Tragedies

Laliberté's life has also been marked by a series of tragedies. In 1998, his wife, Nathalie Crête, died of cancer. Laliberté was devastated by her death, and he took a break from Cirque du Soleil to grieve. He eventually returned to the company, but he never forgot his wife.

In 2015, Laliberté's son, Olivier, died of a drug overdose. Laliberté was once again devastated by the loss of a loved one. He took another break from Cirque du Soleil to grieve, but he eventually returned to the company.

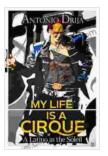
The Unbreakable Human Spirit

Laliberté's story is a testament to the unbreakable human spirit. Despite facing a series of triumphs and tragedies, he has never given up on his dreams. He has always believed in himself and his vision, and he has never let anything stand in his way.

Laliberté's story is an inspiration to all who dare to dream big. It shows us that anything is possible if we set our minds to it. We may face challenges along the way, but we must never give up on our dreams. We must always believe in ourselves and in our ability to overcome any obstacle.

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