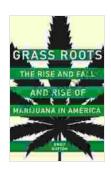
# The Rise and Fall and Rise of Marijuana in America: An Unbiased Look at the History and Future of Cannabis

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Marijuana has been a part of American culture for centuries. Native Americans used it for medicinal and spiritual purposes, and it was later adopted by European settlers. In the 20th century, marijuana was prohibited, but it has since been legalized for medical use in many states and for recreational use in a few states.



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#### The Early History of Marijuana in America

Marijuana was first brought to America by European settlers in the 16th century. It was initially used for medicinal purposes, but it soon became popular for recreational use as well. By the early 19th century, marijuana was being grown in many parts of the United States, and it was widely used by people of all races and socioeconomic backgrounds.

#### The Prohibition of Marijuana

In the early 20th century, marijuana began to be associated with crime and violence. This was due in part to the fact that many Mexican immigrants who came to the United States during this time used marijuana. As a result, marijuana was banned in many states, and in 1937 it was outlawed at the federal level.

The prohibition of marijuana had a significant impact on American society. It led to the creation of a large black market for marijuana, and it also resulted in the arrest and imprisonment of many people for marijuana-related offenses.

#### The Rise of Medical Marijuana

In the 1970s, there was a growing movement to decriminalize marijuana. This movement was led by activists who argued that marijuana was a relatively harmless drug that should not be illegal. In 1973, the federal government relaxed its penalties for marijuana possession, and in 1996 California became the first state to legalize medical marijuana.

Today, medical marijuana is legal in 33 states and the District of Columbia. It is used to treat a variety of conditions, including cancer, chronic pain, and multiple sclerosis.

#### The Rise of Recreational Marijuana

In recent years, there has been a growing movement to legalize recreational marijuana. This movement has been led by activists who argue that marijuana is a relatively harmless drug that should be treated like alcohol or tobacco.

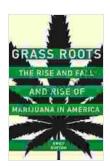
In 2012, Colorado and Washington became the first states to legalize recreational marijuana. Since then, nine other states and the District of Columbia have legalized recreational marijuana. Today, recreational marijuana is legal for adults over the age of 21 in 11 states and the District of Columbia.

#### The Future of Marijuana in America

The future of marijuana in America is uncertain. However, it is clear that there is a growing movement to legalize marijuana for both medical and recreational use. It is likely that marijuana will become increasingly accepted in the years to come.

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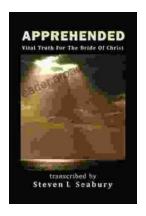


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