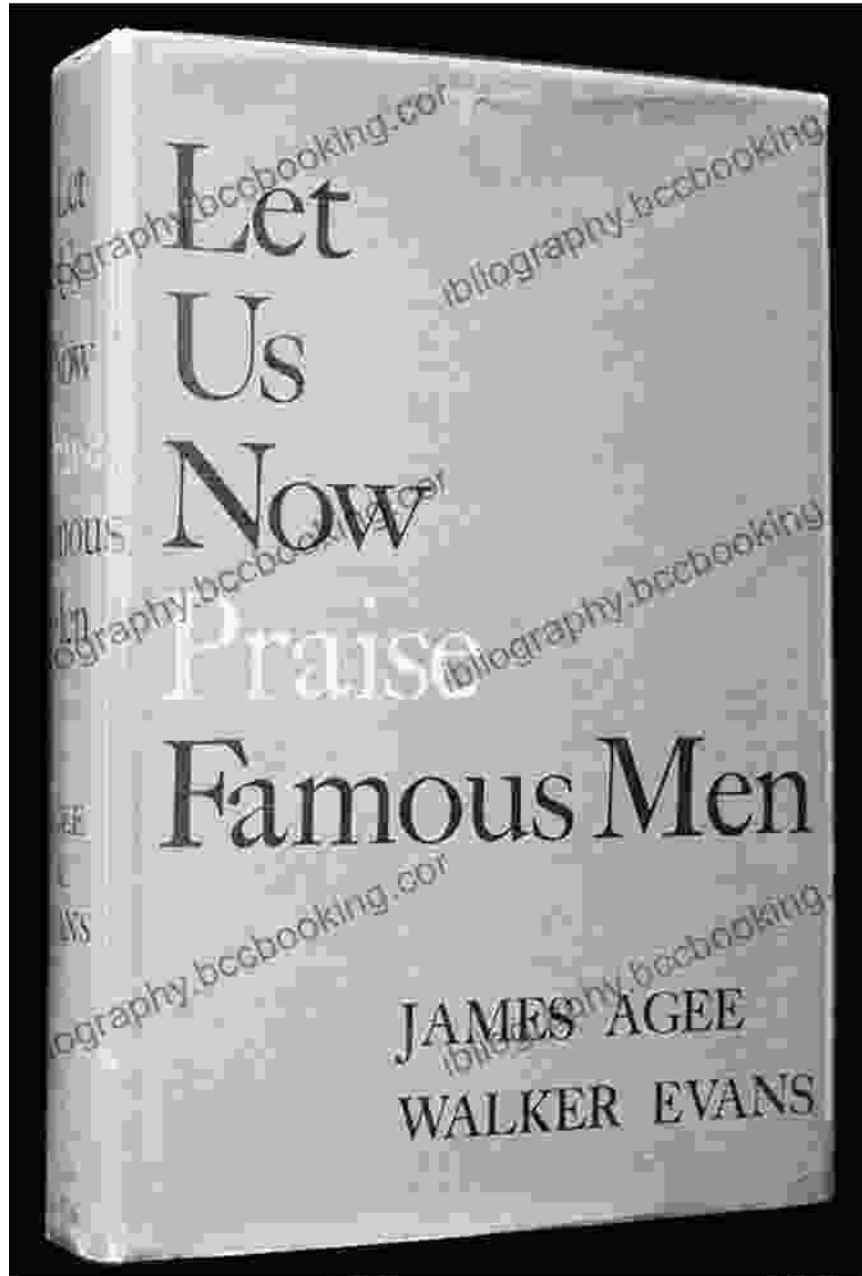


Let Us Now Praise Famous Men: A Masterpiece of American Literature



Let Us Now Praise Famous Men is a groundbreaking work of American literature that captures the lives of three sharecropping families during the Great Depression. Written by James Agee and illustrated with photographs

by Walker Evans, this masterpiece of journalism and photography explores the themes of poverty, dignity, and the human spirit.

Background

The book was commissioned by Fortune magazine in 1936 as a photo essay about the lives of tenant farmers in the American South. Agee and Evans spent several months living with and interviewing the families, and their work resulted in a powerful and moving account of their struggles and resilience.



Let Us Now Praise Famous Men: Three Tenant Families

by James Agee

★★★★☆ 4.2 out of 5

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File size : 23452 KB
Text-to-Speech : Enabled
Enhanced typesetting : Enabled
X-Ray : Enabled
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Print length : 474 pages
Lending : Enabled
Screen Reader : Supported



Themes

Let Us Now Praise Famous Men explores a number of important themes, including:

- **Poverty:** The book provides a unflinching look at the poverty that was rampant in the American South during the Great Depression. Agee and

Evans describe the families' living conditions in detail, and they show how poverty affects their health, education, and opportunities.

- **Dignity:** Despite their poverty, the families in Let Us Now Praise Famous Men maintain a sense of dignity and self-respect. Agee and Evans capture the families' strength and resilience, and they show how they are able to find joy and meaning in their lives.
- **The human spirit:** Let Us Now Praise Famous Men is a celebration of the human spirit. Agee and Evans show how the families are able to overcome adversity and find hope in even the darkest of times.

Legacy

Let Us Now Praise Famous Men has been praised by critics and readers alike for its powerful writing, stunning photography, and important themes. The book has been included in numerous anthologies of American literature, and it is considered to be one of the most important works of the 20th century.

Let Us Now Praise Famous Men is a masterpiece of American literature that offers a unique and moving perspective on the lives of poor Americans during the Great Depression. The book is a powerful reminder of the dignity and resilience of the human spirit, and it is a must-read for anyone interested in American history, literature, or photography.



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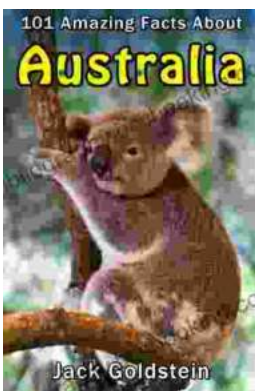
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