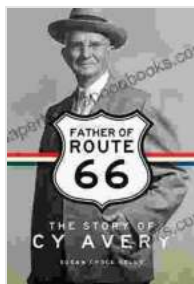


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## Prologue: The Birth of a Visionary

In the quaint town of Lebanon, Missouri, a young boy named Cyrus Avery was born in 1861. Little did anyone know that this unassuming child would grow up to become the father of one of America's most legendary highways, Route 66.

From an early age, Cy displayed an unquenchable thirst for knowledge and a keen interest in the world around him. He eagerly devoured books and maps, dreaming of faraway lands and the adventures that awaited. This curiosity and passion would later fuel his lifelong pursuit of connecting people and places.

## Chapter 1: The Road to Opportunity

As Cy grew older, he realized that his small town offered limited opportunities for his ambitious spirit. At the age of 22, he packed his meager belongings and set out for the bustling metropolis of St. Louis. There, he found work as a bookkeeper and immersed himself in the city's vibrant culture.

It was during this time that Cy's fascination with roads and transportation began to blossom. He witnessed firsthand the struggles that travelers faced in navigating the often-rugged and treacherous roads of the Midwest. Determined to find a solution, he poured over maps and blueprints, formulating ideas for a more efficient and accessible road system.

## **Chapter 2: The Birth of Route 66**

In 1913, Cy's dream took shape when he was appointed to the Missouri State Highway Commission. As a commissioner, he tirelessly advocated for the construction of a transcontinental highway that would connect Chicago to Los Angeles. This ambitious project faced numerous obstacles, but Cy's unwavering determination and political savvy eventually prevailed.

On November 11, 1926, U.S. Route 66 was officially designated, stretching over 2,400 miles across eight states. The road quickly became a lifeline for travelers, businesses, and communities, transforming the American landscape forever.

## **Chapter 3: The Father of Route 66**

Cy Avery's legacy as the father of Route 66 is undeniable. His vision and tireless efforts created a road that has become synonymous with American culture and adventure. From the neon-lit diners to the iconic roadside

attractions, Route 66 embodies the spirit of exploration and the pursuit of the open road.

Cy's life story is a testament to the power of one individual to make a profound impact on the world. His unwavering belief in the transformative power of transportation laid the foundation for a highway that would connect generations of Americans and inspire countless stories and adventures.

### **Epilogue: A Legacy that Lives On**

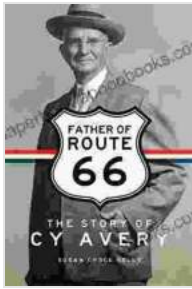
Cy Avery passed away in 1940, but his legacy continues to thrive. Route 66 remains a beloved destination for travelers from around the world, and its iconic status as the "Mother Road" is a tribute to the visionary who made it possible.

Today, the spirit of Cy Avery lives on in the countless people who travel Route 66, seeking adventure, connection, and a piece of American history. His story is a reminder that with passion, determination, and a willingness to break down barriers, anything is possible.

### **Call to Action**

Immerse yourself in the captivating life of Cy Avery and the extraordinary story of Route 66. Free Download your copy of "Father of Route 66: The Story of Cy Avery" today and embark on a literary journey that will inspire, entertain, and forever change your perspective on the open road.

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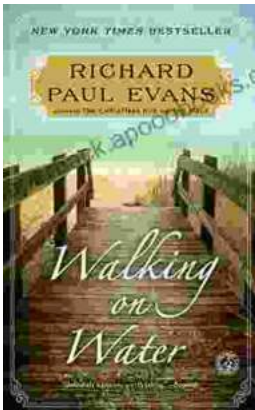
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