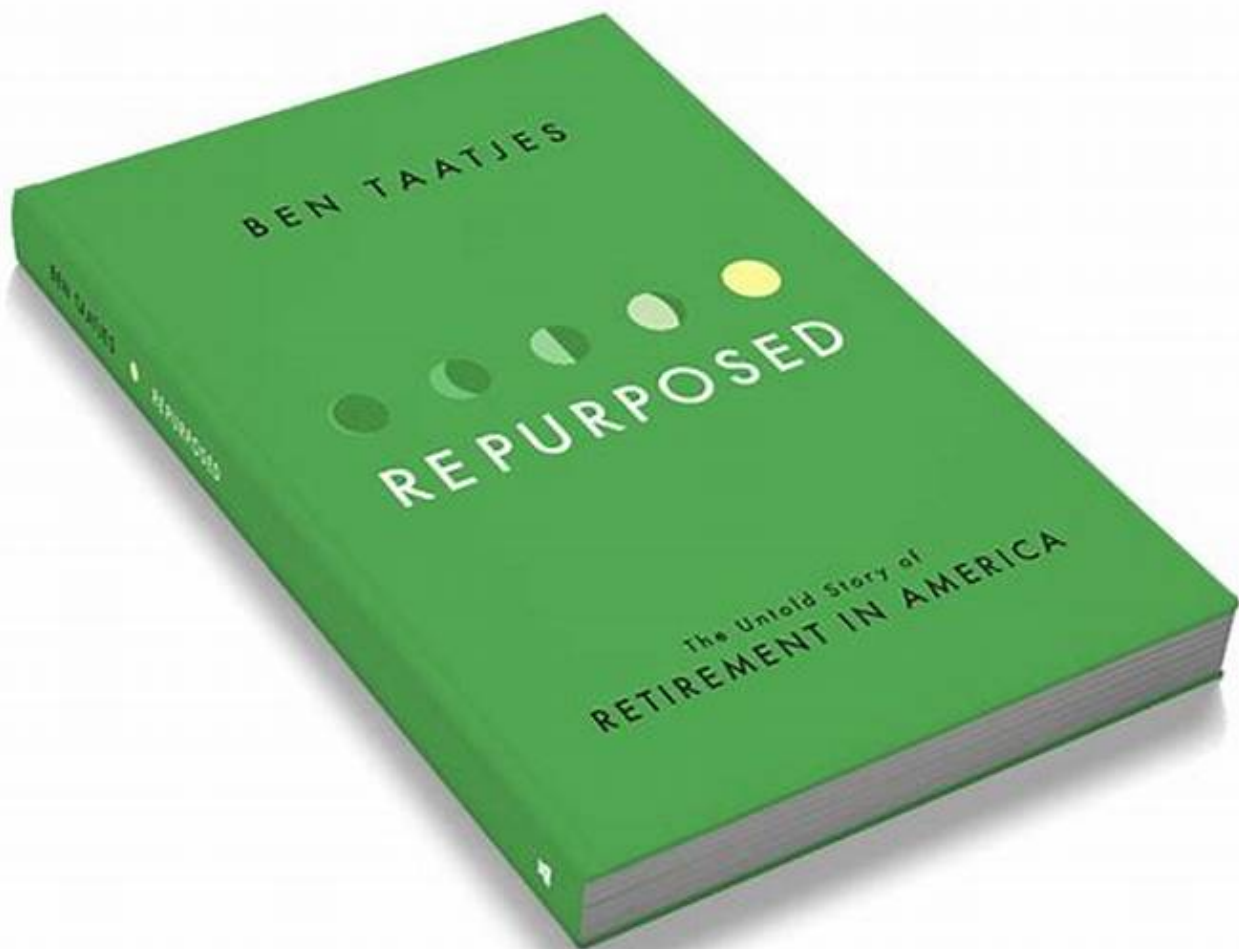


****Repurposed: Uncovering the Untold Story of Retirement in America****



Retirement, once a time of well-deserved rest and relaxation, has undergone a profound transformation in the 21st century. In "Repurposed: The Untold Story of Retirement in America," award-winning journalist and

retirement expert Leslie Jacobs illuminates the hidden realities and seismic shifts that have reshaped this pivotal chapter of life.



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The Longevity Revolution

Jacobs meticulously documents the unprecedented longevity revolution that has dramatically extended the average American's life expectancy. While this triumph of modern medicine and public health has undoubtedly improved the quality of life for many, it has also presented a major financial challenge for retirees.

As people live longer, they face the prospect of outliving their savings and relying on insufficient Social Security benefits. Jacobs reveals the sobering statistics behind this growing crisis, painting a vivid picture of the financial vulnerabilities experienced by many senior citizens.

The Rise of the Gig Economy

In response to the longevity revolution and the need for supplemental income, many retirees have turned to the gig economy. Platforms like Uber, Lyft, and Airbnb have created new opportunities for older workers to earn money on their own terms.

Jacobs explores both the benefits and challenges of gig work for seniors. While some find flexibility and fulfillment in these part-time jobs, others struggle with age discrimination or the precarious nature of the gig economy's income. Jacobs delves into the complexities of this evolving workforce and its impact on the traditional concept of retirement.

The Redefinition of Identity

Retirement has long been associated with a sudden and complete transition out of the workforce. However, Jacobs argues that this traditional view is becoming increasingly outdated. Many retirees are choosing to remain engaged in work, whether through part-time employment, volunteerism, or entrepreneurial ventures.

This redefinition of identity has profound implications for the way we think about retirement. Jacobs explores the psychological and social benefits of staying active and connected in later life, challenging the notion that retirement is a time of passivity and decline.

The Power of Community

One of the most significant themes that emerges throughout "Repurposed" is the importance of community in shaping the experience of retirement. Jacobs profiles individuals and organizations that are creating vibrant and supportive environments for seniors.

From co-housing communities to senior centers that offer a wide range of social and educational programs, groups are emerging to help retirees connect, share resources, and maintain a sense of purpose and belonging.

Policy Implications

Jacobs concludes her comprehensive work with a call to action, urging policymakers to rethink the way we prepare for and support retirement in America. She proposes innovative solutions that aim to address the challenges posed by the longevity revolution, such as expanding Social Security benefits and creating more age-friendly workplaces.

Why "Repurposed" is a Must-Read

"Repurposed: The Untold Story of Retirement in America" is an essential read for anyone entering or nearing retirement, as well as those who work with or care for seniors. Jacobs's incisive reporting, personal stories, and thought-provoking analysis provide an invaluable understanding of the seismic shifts that are transforming this critical stage of life.

Repurposed will help you:

- * Understand the financial challenges facing retirees in the 21st century *
- Discover new opportunities for meaningful work and fulfillment after leaving the traditional workforce *
- Identify the importance of community and social engagement in later life *
- Gain insights into the policy implications of the longevity revolution *
- Navigate the complex and ever-changing landscape of retirement

Retirement is not what it used to be. In "Repurposed," Leslie Jacobs invites us to reconsider our assumptions about this pivotal chapter of life. By

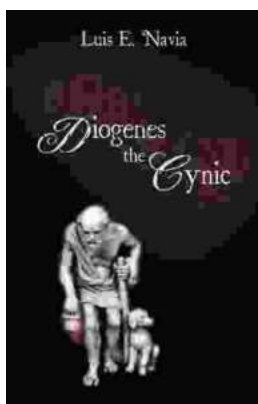
shedding light on the untold stories of retirees, she empowers us to embrace the complexities, challenges, and opportunities that come with this new era of longevity.



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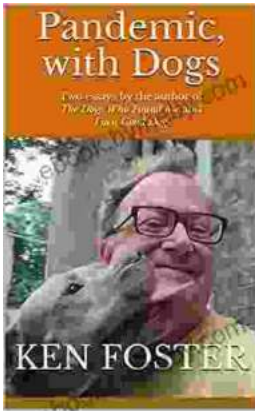
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