## **Hawks Aloft: The Story of Hawk Mountain**

Hawk Mountain Sanctuary is one of the world's oldest and most successful raptor conservation organizations. Founded in 1934, Hawk Mountain has played a pivotal role in protecting hawks, eagles, and falcons, and has been a leader in the development of raptor conservation practices.



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Hawks Aloft is the inspiring story of Hawk Mountain Sanctuary, from its founding to the present day. The book tells the stories of the dedicated individuals who have worked to protect raptors and their habitats, and the challenges and triumphs they have faced along the way.

Hawks Aloft is a must-read for anyone interested in the conservation of birds of prey. It is a fascinating and inspiring story that will leave you with a greater appreciation for the beauty and importance of these magnificent creatures.

#### The Founding of Hawk Mountain Sanctuary

Hawk Mountain Sanctuary was founded in 1934 by Rosalie Edge, a wealthy Philadelphia socialite who was an avid birdwatcher. Edge was

horrified by the slaughter of hawks and eagles that she witnessed on Hawk Mountain, a prominent ridge in eastern Pennsylvania. She Free Downloadd the mountain and established Hawk Mountain Sanctuary to protect the raptors that migrated there every fall.

Edge's vision for Hawk Mountain was to create a place where people could learn about and appreciate raptors. She hired Maurice Broun, a renowned ornithologist, as the sanctuary's first director. Broun developed a program of research and education that has made Hawk Mountain a world leader in raptor conservation.

#### The Early Years of Hawk Mountain Sanctuary

The early years of Hawk Mountain Sanctuary were challenging. The sanctuary was understaffed and underfunded, and Broun had to work tirelessly to raise awareness of the plight of raptors. However, Broun's dedication and hard work paid off. By the end of the 1930s, Hawk Mountain Sanctuary was a recognized leader in raptor conservation.

In 1940, Hawk Mountain Sanctuary became the first organization to ban the hunting of raptors on its property. This ban was a major victory for raptor conservation, and it helped to set a precedent for the protection of raptors throughout the United States.

#### **Hawk Mountain Sanctuary Today**

Today, Hawk Mountain Sanctuary is a thriving organization with a staff of over 50 employees and an annual budget of over \$5 million. The sanctuary protects over 2,000 acres of land, including Hawk Mountain, and offers a variety of educational programs for people of all ages.

Hawk Mountain Sanctuary is also a leader in raptor research. The sanctuary's staff conducts a variety of studies on raptor populations, migration patterns, and hunting behavior. This research helps to inform raptor conservation efforts around the world.

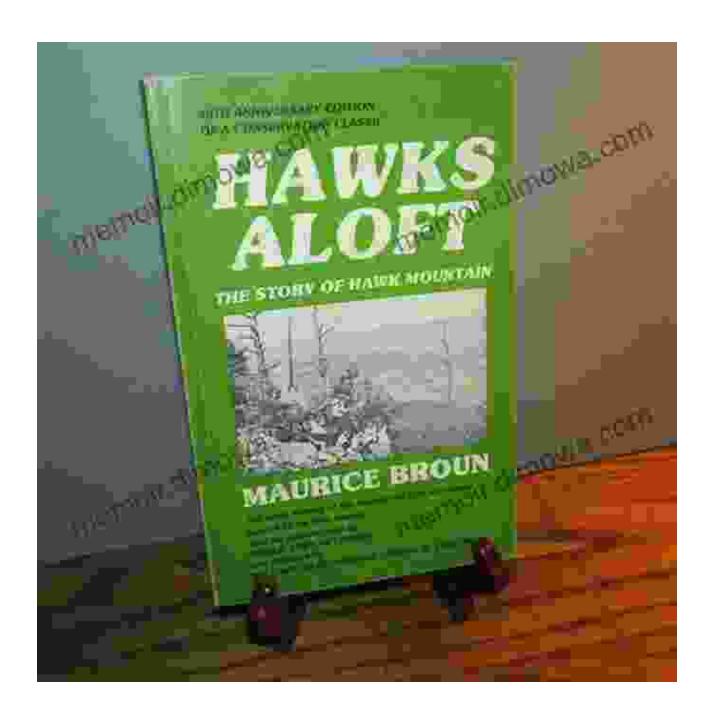
#### The Legacy of Hawk Mountain Sanctuary

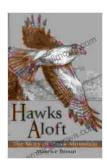
Hawk Mountain Sanctuary has made a significant contribution to the conservation of raptors. The sanctuary's work has helped to protect hawks, eagles, and falcons from persecution and habitat loss. Hawk Mountain Sanctuary has also been a leader in the development of raptor conservation practices.

The legacy of Hawk Mountain Sanctuary will continue long into the future. The sanctuary's work has helped to ensure that future generations will be able to enjoy the beauty and majesty of raptors.

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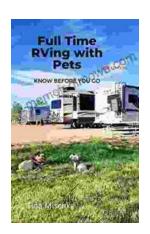
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