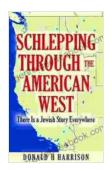
# Schlepping Through the American West: A Nostalgic Journey Through History and Heartbreak

In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, thousands of Jewish immigrants from Eastern Europe set out for the American West, seeking a new life of opportunity and freedom. Many of these immigrants were peddlers, known as "schleppers," who traveled from town to town, selling goods from their packs. These schlep journeys were often long and arduous, but they also provided a unique opportunity for these immigrants to explore the vast and diverse landscape of the American West.





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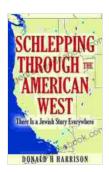
In his book, \*Schlepping Through the American West: A Nostalgic Journey Through History and Heartbreak\*, author Michael J. Cohen tells the stories of these schleppers and their experiences. Drawing on extensive interviews with former schleppers and their descendants, as well as archival research, Cohen paints a vivid picture of the schlep life. He describes the challenges and hardships that schleppers faced, including long hours, isolation, and discrimination. But he also highlights the camaraderie and sense of community that existed among these immigrants, as well as their resilience and determination to succeed.

Cohen's book is more than just a history of the schlep trade. It is also a personal story, as Cohen himself is the grandson of a schlepper. He grew up hearing stories about his grandfather's travels and the hardships he faced. Cohen's book is a way of paying tribute to his grandfather and to all the other schleppers who helped to build America.

"Schlepping Through the American West" is a fascinating and moving book that sheds light on a little-known chapter in American history. Cohen's writing is both informative and engaging, and he does a wonderful job of bringing the schlep experience to life. This book is a must-read for anyone interested in American history, Jewish history, or the immigrant experience.

#### **Additional Resources**

- Schleppers: The Jewish Peddlers of America
- The Jews Who Were Schleppers
- Schlepping Through the American West



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