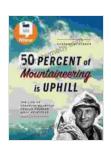
# The Life of Canadian Mountain Rescue Pioneer Willi Pfisterer

Willi Pfisterer was a Swiss-Canadian mountain rescue pioneer who developed many of the techniques that are still used today. He was a founding member of the Canadian Mountain Rescue Group and served as its president for many years. Pfisterer was also a skilled mountaineer and photographer, and he wrote several books about his experiences.



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Pfisterer was born in Switzerland in 1917. He began climbing mountains at a young age, and he quickly developed a passion for the sport. In 1939, he moved to Canada and settled in the Rocky Mountains. He soon became involved in mountain rescue, and he quickly realized that there was a need for a more organized approach to this work.

In 1950, Pfisterer helped to found the Canadian Mountain Rescue Group. He developed a number of new techniques for mountain rescue, including the use of helicopters and the development of a standardized training program. Pfisterer also worked to promote mountain safety, and he wrote several books and articles on the subject.

Pfisterer's work has had a major impact on mountain rescue in Canada and around the world. He is considered to be one of the pioneers of modern mountain rescue, and his techniques are still used today. Pfisterer died in 2009, but his legacy continues to live on.

### Willi Pfisterer's Legacy

Willi Pfisterer's legacy is one of innovation, dedication, and service. He was a pioneer in the field of mountain rescue, and his work has saved countless lives. Pfisterer was also a passionate advocate for mountain safety, and he worked tirelessly to promote awareness of the risks of mountaineering.

Pfisterer's legacy continues to live on through the Canadian Mountain Rescue Group. The CMRG is a volunteer organization that provides mountain rescue services in Canada. The CMRG is one of the most respected mountain rescue organizations in the world, and it is a testament to Pfisterer's vision and leadership.

Pfisterer was a true pioneer, and his work has had a lasting impact on the world of mountain rescue. He is an inspiration to all who work in this field, and his legacy will continue to live on for many years to come.

#### The Life of Willi Pfisterer

Willi Pfisterer was born in Bern, Switzerland, on October 17, 1917. He was the son of a Swiss army officer, and he grew up in a family of mountaineers. Pfisterer began climbing mountains at a young age, and he quickly developed a passion for the sport. He was a gifted climber, and he quickly became one of the leading climbers in Switzerland.

In 1939, Pfisterer moved to Canada and settled in the Rocky Mountains. He soon became involved in mountain rescue, and he quickly realized that there was a need for a more organized approach to this work. In 1950, he helped to found the Canadian Mountain Rescue Group, and he served as its president for many years. Under Pfisterer's leadership, the CMRG became one of the most respected mountain rescue organizations in the world.

Pfisterer was also a skilled mountaineer and photographer. He wrote several books about his experiences, and he also produced a number of films about mountain rescue. Pfisterer was a passionate advocate for mountain safety, and he worked tirelessly to promote awareness of the risks of mountaineering.

Pfisterer died in Invermere, British Columbia, on February 25, 2009. He was 91 years old. He is survived by his wife, Ruth, and his two children, Regula and Peter.

#### The Willi Pfisterer Award

In recognition of his outstanding contributions to mountain rescue, the Canadian Mountain Rescue Group has established the Willi Pfisterer Award. The award is presented annually to a member of the CMRG who has made significant contributions to the field of mountain rescue.

The Willi Pfisterer Award is a prestigious award, and it is a testament to Pfisterer's legacy. The award winners are a diverse group of individuals who have all made significant contributions to the field of mountain rescue. They are a reminder of Pfisterer's vision and leadership, and they are an inspiration to all who work in this field.

Willi Pfisterer was a true pioneer in the field of mountain rescue. His work has saved countless lives, and he has made a lasting impact on the world of mountaineering. Pfisterer was a dedicated and passionate advocate for mountain safety, and he is an inspiration to all who work in this field.

The Willi Pfisterer Award is a fitting tribute to a great man. The award winners are a reminder of Pfisterer's vision and leadership, and they are an inspiration to all who work in the field of mountain rescue.

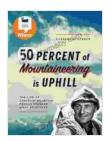
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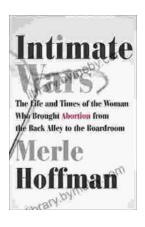
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