Mary Lou Retton: America's Sweetheart and **Gymnastics Icon**

Mary Lou Retton is an iconic figure in the world of gymnastics, and her achievements have left an indelible mark on the sport. Her story is one of determination, perseverance, and triumph, and it has inspired generations of aspiring athletes.

Born in Fairmont, West Virginia, in 1968, Retton began gymnastics at the age of five. She guickly showed a natural talent for the sport, and by the age of 14, she was competing at the national level. In 1983, she won the all-around title at the U.S. National Championships, becoming the youngest gymnast ever to do so.

Retton's rise to stardom came at the 1984 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles. Despite being just 16 years old, she was the leader of the U.S. women's gymnastics team, which was known as the "Magnificent Seven." Retton competed in all seven events, and her performance was nothing short of extraordinary. She won a total of five medals, including a gold medal in the all-around competition.



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Her victory in the all-around was a major upset, as she defeated the heavily favored Romanian gymnast Nadia Comaneci. Retton's performance was so impressive that she became a national hero and was dubbed "America's Sweetheart."

After the Olympics, Retton continued to compete in gymnastics, winning numerous titles and awards. She retired from the sport in 1986 and went on to pursue a successful career in broadcasting and business.

In 1993, Retton was inducted into the International Gymnastics Hall of Fame. She is also the recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor.

Retton's story is an inspiration to anyone who has ever dreamed of achieving great things. She has shown that with hard work, dedication, and a never-say-die attitude, anything is possible.

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This book is a comprehensive look at Retton's life and career. It includes rare photos, interviews, and behind-the-scenes stories. It is a must-read for any fan of gymnastics or anyone who is interested in the story of a true American icon.

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Mary Lou Retton is an Olympic gold medalist, author, and motivational speaker. She is the founder of the Mary Lou Retton Foundation, which provides funding for gymnastics programs and scholarships. Retton is married to Shannon Kelley, and they have four children.

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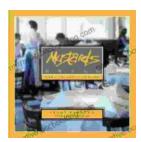
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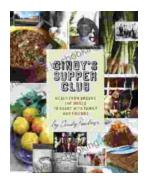
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