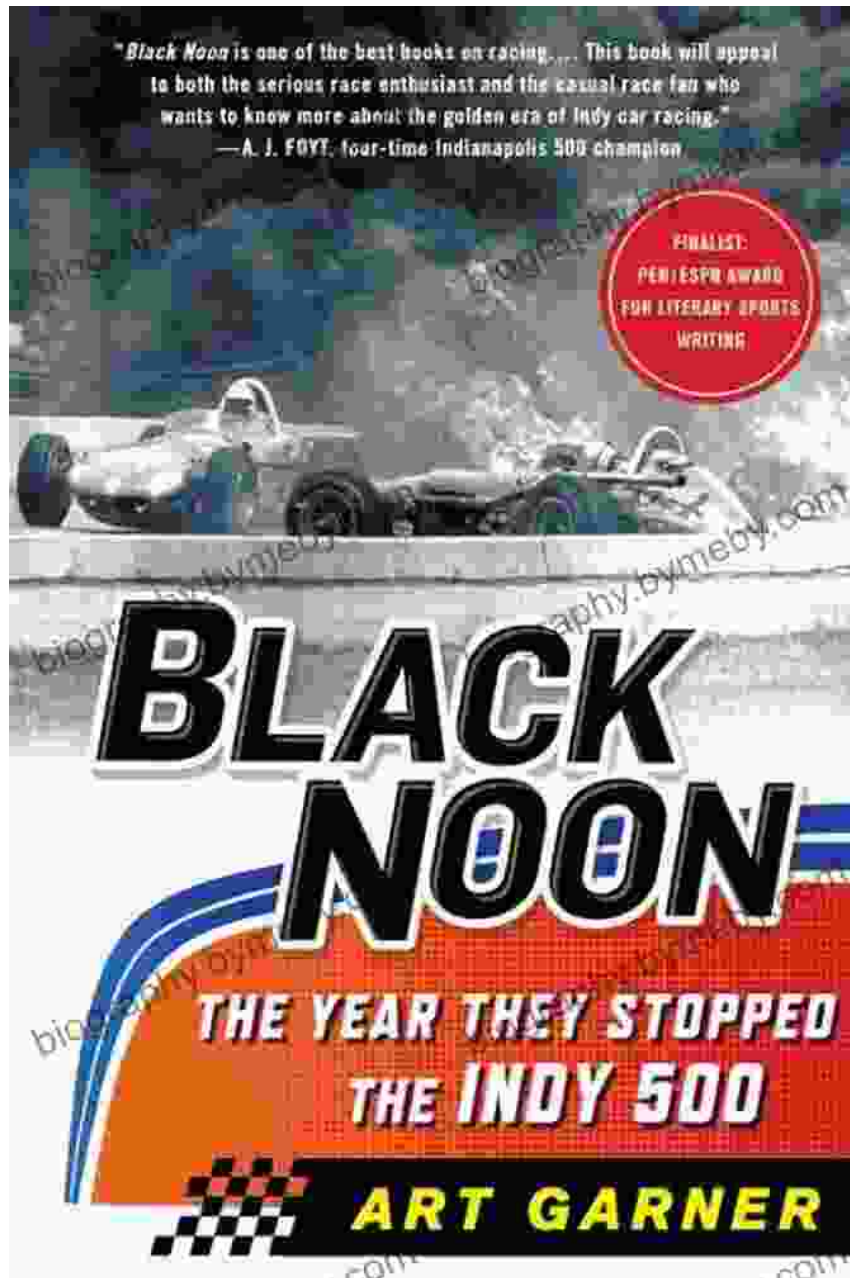


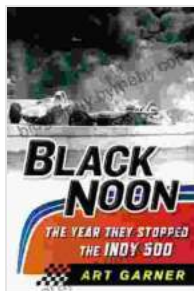
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The 1941 Indy 500 was shaping up to be one of the most exciting in history. A record crowd of over 150,000 fans packed the Indianapolis Motor Speedway to witness a field of 33 of the world's best drivers, including Wilbur Shaw, Mauri Rose, and Rex Mays. But as the race reached its halfway point, tragedy struck. News of the attack on Pearl Harbor reached the speedway, and the race was immediately stopped.

In **Black Noon**, Shirer tells the story of the 1941 Indy 500 from the perspectives of the drivers, the fans, and the officials. He vividly recreates the excitement of the race, the shock of the attack, and the aftermath of the tragedy. Shirer also explores the wider context of the war, and how it affected the lives of everyone involved in the race.

Black Noon is a gripping account of a tragic day in American history. It is a story of courage, resilience, and the human spirit. It is a must-read for fans of racing, history, and anyone interested in the human condition.

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About the Author

William L. Shirer was an American journalist and historian. He is best known for his book *The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich*, which is considered one of the definitive works on Nazi Germany. Shirer also wrote several other books, including **Black Noon**, which was published in 1962.

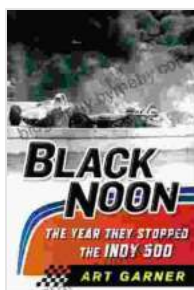
Shirer was born in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in 1904. He graduated from the University of Iowa in 1925 and began his career as a journalist with the Des Moines Register. In 1929, he moved to Europe, where he worked as a correspondent for the Chicago Tribune and the Columbia Broadcasting System. Shirer witnessed the rise of Nazism firsthand, and his reporting on the Nazi regime was some of the most accurate and insightful of the time.

After World War II, Shirer returned to the United States and continued to write about history and current events. He died in Lenox, Massachusetts, in

1993.

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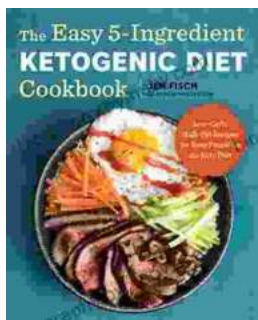


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