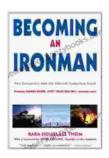
# **Becoming An Ironman: An Inspiring Story of Triumph Over Adversity**

Kara Douglass Thom's story is one of incredible determination and perseverance. After being diagnosed with a rare and debilitating disease, she was told that she would never be able to run again. But Kara refused to give up on her dreams. She worked tirelessly to regain her strength and fitness, and in 2016, she became an Ironman triathlete.



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Kara's journey to becoming an Ironman was not easy. She faced countless challenges along the way, including multiple surgeries, chemotherapy, and radiation. But she never gave up. She drew on her inner strength and the support of her family and friends to keep going.

Kara's story is an inspiration to anyone who has ever faced adversity. It shows that anything is possible if you set your mind to it. If you have a dream, don't let anything stop you from achieving it.

### **Kara's Story**

Kara was born in 1984 in a small town in Pennsylvania. She was a healthy and active child, and she loved to play sports. In high school, she was a star track and field athlete. She ran the 400-meter dash and the 800-meter run, and she was a member of the state championship team.

After high school, Kara attended college on a track and field scholarship. She continued to excel in running, and she set several school records. In her junior year, she qualified for the NCAA Division I Track and Field Championships.

But Kara's running career came to an abrupt end in 2006 when she was diagnosed with a rare and debilitating disease called polymyositis. Polymyositis is an autoimmune disease that attacks the muscles. It causes muscle weakness, fatigue, and pain.

Kara was devastated by her diagnosis. She had to give up running, and she was afraid that she would never be able to do anything athletic again.

But Kara refused to give up on her dreams. She started working with a physical therapist to regain her strength and fitness. She also started swimming and biking, which were less stressful on her muscles.

Slowly but surely, Kara started to get stronger. In 2010, she completed her first triathlon. It was a sprint triathlon, which is the shortest distance triathlon. But it was a huge accomplishment for Kara.

Kara continued to train and race, and in 2016, she became an Ironman triathlete. She completed the Ironman Maryland triathlon, which is a 2.4-

mile swim, 112-mile bike ride, and 26.2-mile run. It took her 13 hours and 56 minutes to complete the race, but she did it.

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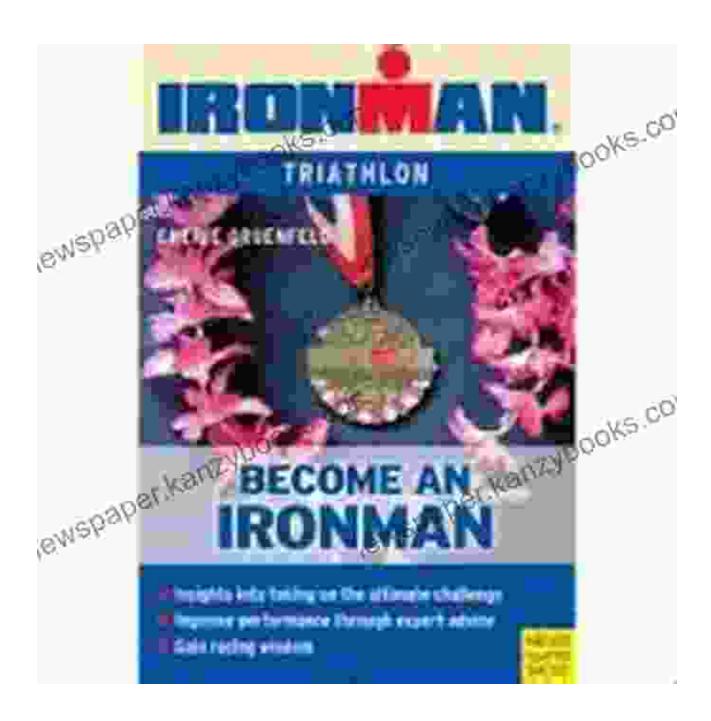
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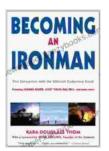
Kara's book, *Becoming An Ironman*, is a memoir of her journey to becoming an Ironman triathlete. In the book, she shares her story of overcoming adversity and achieving her dreams. She also provides tips and advice for other people who are facing challenges in their own lives.

Becoming An Ironman is a must-read for anyone who is interested in triathlon, overcoming adversity, or inspiration. It is a story that will stay with you long after you finish reading it.

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