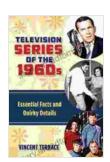
# **Television Of The 1960s: A Revolutionary Decade**

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#### The Rise of the Sitcom

The 1960s sitcom was a family-friendly comedy that focused on the everyday lives of everyday people. Shows like "The Andy Griffith Show", "The Dick Van Dyke Show", and "I Love Lucy" were hugely popular and helped to define the decade.

These sitcoms were often wholesome and optimistic, but they also dealt with real-world issues, such as race relations and poverty. They offered a window into the American experience and helped to shape the way we think about family and community.

#### The Impact of the Civil Rights Movement

The civil rights movement had a profound impact on American society, and television was no exception. Shows like "The Defiant Ones" and "Julia" tackled issues of race and discrimination head-on.

These shows helped to raise awareness of the civil rights movement and its goals. They also inspired a new generation of African Americans to enter the entertainment industry.

#### The Vietnam War

The Vietnam War was another major event that shaped American television in the 1960s. Shows like "M\*A\*S\*H" and "The Twilight Zone" reflected the growing disillusionment with the war.

These shows offered a critical look at the war and its impact on American soldiers. They also helped to raise awareness of the anti-war movement.

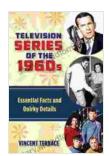
### **Innovative Programming**

In addition to the sitcoms and dramas, the 1960s also saw the birth of some of the most innovative programming in television history.

Shows like "Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In" and "Monty Python's Flying Circus" were groundbreaking in their use of comedy, satire, and visual effects. These shows helped to push the boundaries of television and set the stage for the future of the medium.

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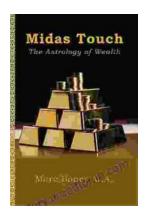
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