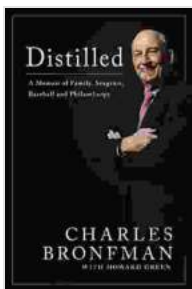


Seagram's Legacy: A Family's Story of Baseball, Philanthropy, and the American Dream

The Seagram family's story is a uniquely American one. From humble beginnings in Canada, they built a global empire based on hard work, innovation, and a commitment to giving back to their communities. Their story is one that will inspire readers of all ages.



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The Early Years

The Seagram story begins in Waterloo, Ontario, in 1857. Joseph E. Seagram, a young Scottish immigrant, founded a small distillery there. The business struggled at first, but Joseph was determined to succeed. He experimented with different distillation techniques and eventually developed a smooth, high-quality whiskey that became popular throughout Canada.

In 1883, Joseph's son, Samuel, took over the business. Samuel was a shrewd businessman who expanded the company's operations into the United States. He also acquired several other distilleries, including the George Dickel Distillery in Tennessee.

The Golden Age of Seagram

Under Samuel's leadership, Seagram became one of the largest and most successful distilleries in the world. The company's products were sold in over 100 countries, and its profits soared. Samuel was also a generous philanthropist, who donated millions of dollars to hospitals, schools, and other charitable organizations.

Samuel's eldest son, Edgar, took over the business in 1933. Edgar was a charismatic and visionary leader who guided Seagram through the Great Depression and World War II. He also expanded the company's operations into the entertainment industry, acquiring Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer (MGM) in 1940.

The Seagram Family Today

The Seagram family continues to play a major role in business, philanthropy, and the arts. Edgar's son, Charles, is the current chairman of the Seagram Company. Charles is a successful businessman and philanthropist who has donated millions of dollars to educational institutions and other charitable organizations.

The Seagram family's legacy is one of hard work, innovation, and giving back to the community. Their story is an inspiring example of the American Dream.

Baseball and Philanthropy

In addition to their business success, the Seagram family has also been involved in baseball for generations. Samuel Seagram was a passionate baseball fan, and he owned the Montreal Royals, a minor league team that played in the International League. Samuel's son, Edgar, was also a baseball fan, and he owned the Brooklyn Dodgers from 1938 to 1944.

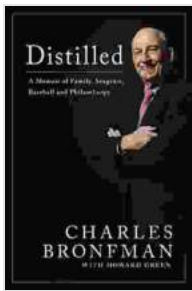
The Seagram family's involvement in baseball continued into the next generation. Charles Seagram was a minority owner of the Montreal Expos from 1969 to 2002. Charles is also a generous philanthropist who has donated millions of dollars to the Montreal Expos Foundation, which supports youth baseball programs in Montreal.

The Seagram family's commitment to philanthropy extends far beyond baseball. The family has donated millions of dollars to hospitals, schools, and other charitable organizations. The Seagram Foundation, which was founded in 1957, has awarded over \$100 million in grants to organizations that support education, health care, and the arts.

The Seagram family's story is one of hard work, innovation, and giving back to the community. Their legacy is one that will continue to inspire generations to come.

Additional Resources

- [The Seagram Company](#)
- [The Seagram Foundation](#)
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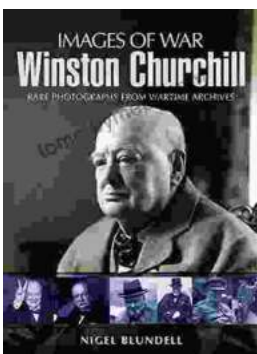
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