Singles, Pairs, and the Expanding Role of Women

In this groundbreaking book, sociologists Pepper Schwartz and Philip Blumstein explore the changing nature of relationships in the modern world. Drawing on decades of research, they argue that the traditional nuclear family is in decline and that a new model of relationships is emerging, one that is more flexible, egalitarian, and diverse.

Schwartz and Blumstein's research shows that the number of single people in the United States has been steadily increasing for decades. In 1950, only 10% of adults were single. By 2000, that number had risen to 25%. Today, more than 40% of adults are single.

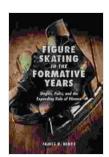


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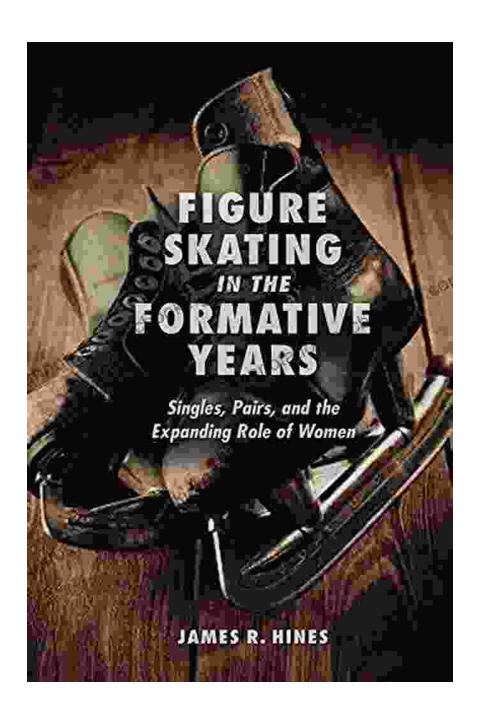
The decline of the nuclear family is also a major trend that Schwartz and Blumstein identify. In the past, the nuclear family was the dominant form of household in the United States. However, the number of nuclear families has been declining for decades. In 1950, 75% of households were nuclear families. By 2000, that number had fallen to 45%. Today, only about 25% of households are nuclear families.

The decline of the nuclear family is due to several factors, including the increasing number of single people, the rising age of first marriage, and the increasing acceptance of divorce. Schwartz and Blumstein argue that the trend toward smaller households is likely to continue in the future.

The emergence of new models of relationships is another major trend that Schwartz and Blumstein identify. In the past, the only recognized form of relationship was marriage. However, today, there are a growing number of people who are choosing to live in unmarried relationships, such as cohabitation, domestic partnerships, and civil unions. Schwartz and Blumstein argue that these new models of relationships are becoming more accepted and recognized by society.

The expanding role of women is another major trend that Schwartz and Blumstein identify. In the past, women were largely confined to the domestic sphere. However, today, women are increasingly entering the workforce and taking on more leadership roles in society. Schwartz and Blumstein argue that the expanding role of women is leading to a more egalitarian and diverse society.

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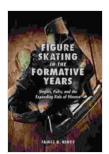


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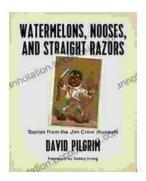
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