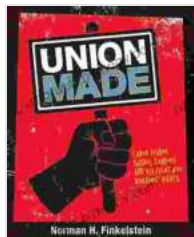


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Early Life and Career

Samuel Gompers was born in London, England, in 1850. His family immigrated to the United States when he was 13 years old. Gompers began working at a young age, and he quickly became involved in the labor movement. In 1881, he helped to found the American Federation of Labor (AFL), which became the largest labor organization in the United States.

Leadership of the AFL

As president of the AFL, Gompers led the fight for a number of important workers' rights, including the eight-hour workday, the minimum wage, and the right to collective bargaining. He also opposed child labor and immigration restrictions. Gompers' leadership of the AFL was instrumental in transforming the labor movement into a major force in American politics.

Gompers' Philosophy

Gompers believed that the best way to improve the lives of workers was through collective action. He argued that unions were essential for protecting the rights of workers and for ensuring that they received a fair share of the wealth they produced. Gompers also believed in the importance of working within the existing political system to achieve labor reforms.

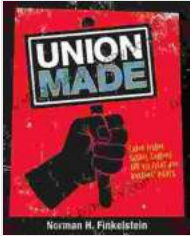
Legacy of Samuel Gompers

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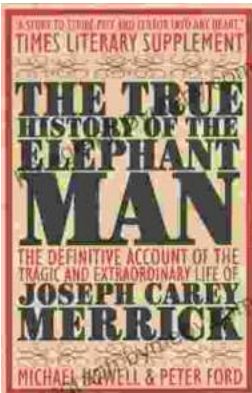
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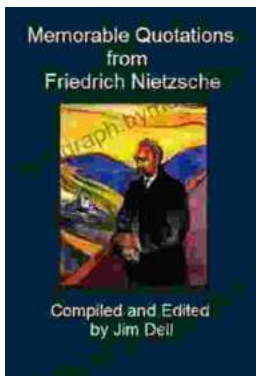


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