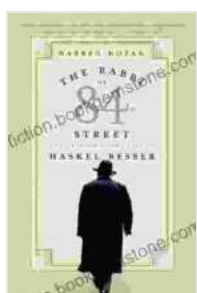


The Extraordinary Life of Haskel Besser: A Tale of Resilience, Innovation, and Unwavering Spirit

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Haskel Besser was born into a Jewish family in the small Polish town of Pinsk in 1926. His childhood was idyllic, filled with laughter, tradition, and a deep sense of community.

However, the outbreak of World War II shattered the peace. Nazi forces occupied Pinsk in 1941, and the horrors of the Holocaust unfolded. Haskel and his family were forced into a ghetto, where they endured unimaginable suffering and persecution.

In 1942, Haskel's parents and younger sister were taken away and never seen again. Haskel, then just 16, managed to escape the ghetto and join a group of partisans. He fought alongside the resistance, engaging in daring missions against the Nazis.

Post-War Struggles and the Search for a New Home



After the war, Haskel found himself alone and displaced. He spent several years in refugee camps, struggling to rebuild his life amidst the ruins of Europe.

In 1949, Haskel immigrated to the United States, where he hoped to find a new start. However, life in America was not easy for a young Holocaust survivor. Haskel faced prejudice and discrimination, and he struggled to adjust to his new surroundings.

Invention and Success: Triumph Over Trauma



Despite the challenges he faced, Haskel refused to be defined by his past. He found solace in tinkering with machines and inventing new gadgets. In

his basement workshop, he spent countless hours experimenting and creating.

In 1960, Haskel invented an innovative medical device that revolutionized the treatment of heart disease. The device, known as the "Swan-Ganz catheter," allowed doctors to measure blood pressure within the heart and lungs.

The Swan-Ganz catheter became a standard in cardiac care, saving countless lives. Haskel's invention brought him both financial success and international recognition. However, more importantly, it gave him a sense of purpose and fulfillment.

Philanthropy and Legacy: Giving Back to the World

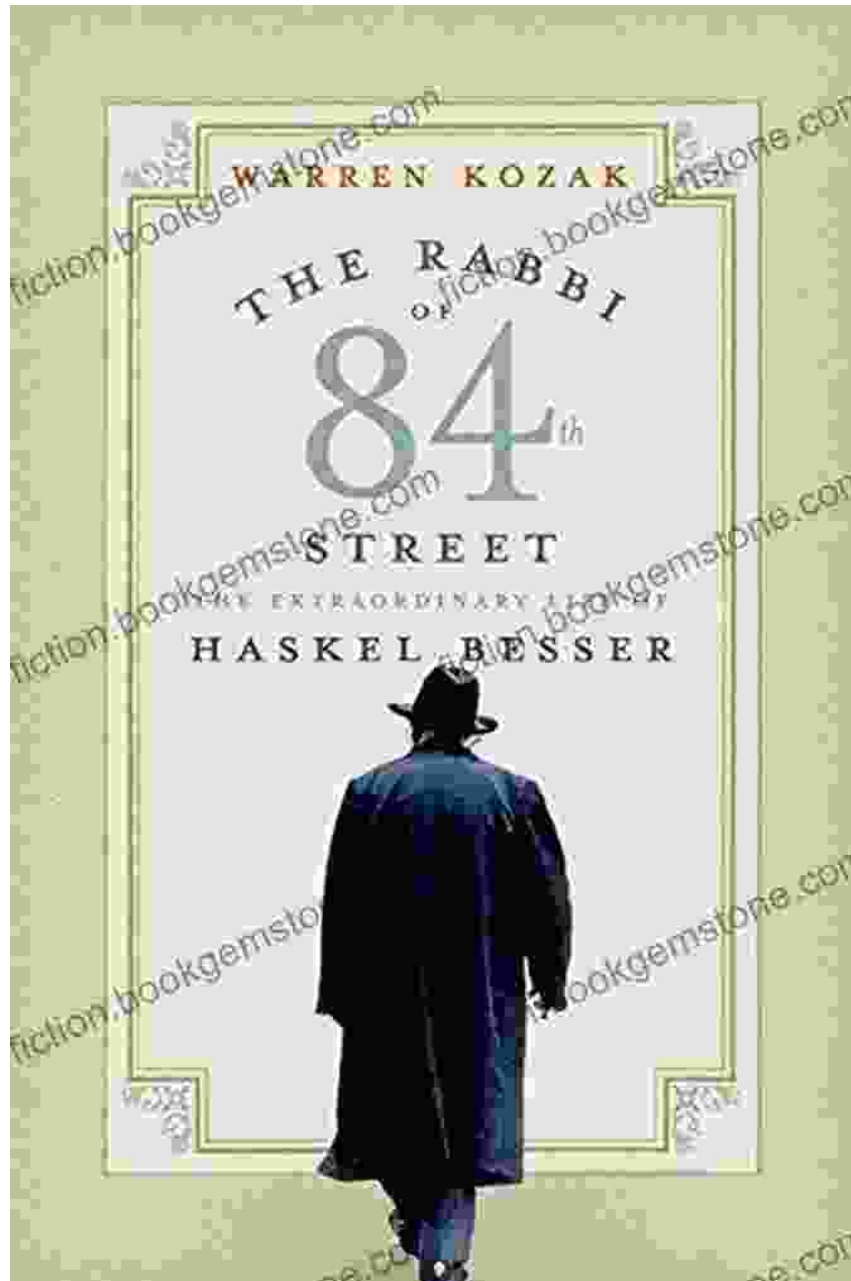


Throughout his life, Haskel never forgot the suffering he endured during the Holocaust. He dedicated himself to helping others, both through his philanthropy and through his unwavering advocacy for survivors.

Haskel established the Haskel Besser Holocaust Memorial Fund, which provides support to Holocaust survivors and educational programs about the Holocaust.

He also became a tireless advocate for peace and understanding. Haskel spoke out against hatred and intolerance, sharing his story to inspire others to choose compassion and reconciliation.

Impact and Inspiration: A Life Well-Lived



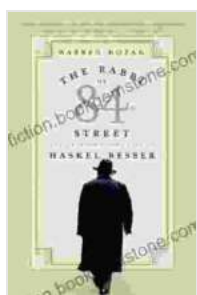
Haskel Besser passed away in 2014 at the age of 88. He left behind a profound legacy of resilience, innovation, and unwavering spirit.

Haskel's life is a testament to the human capacity for overcoming adversity and finding meaning in the face of tragedy. He defied the odds, transforming his pain into a force for good.

Through his inventions, his philanthropy, and his unwavering advocacy, Haske! Besser made an immeasurable impact on the world. He is an inspiration to all who seek to live a life of purpose, compassion, and unrelenting hope.

Additional Resources:

- Haske! Besser Holocaust Memorial Fund
- Haske! Besser Oral History Interview
- The Survivor Who Invented a Life-Saving Heart Device

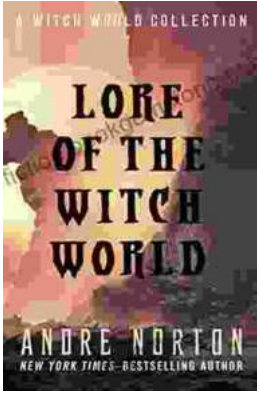


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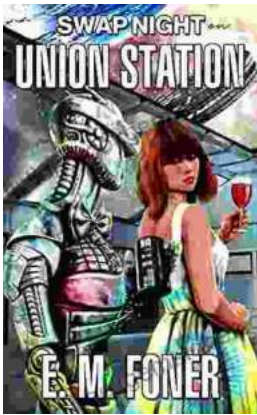
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