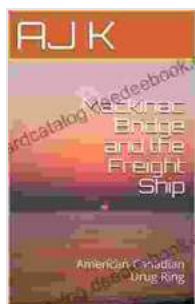


The Mackinac Bridge and the Freight Ship: A Tale of Two Giants

The Mackinac Bridge is a suspension bridge spanning the Straits of Mackinac between Michigan's Upper and Lower Peninsulas. It is one of the longest suspension bridges in the world and a major tourist attraction. The bridge is also a vital link in the Great Lakes shipping system, and it is crossed by thousands of freighters each year.

The Mackinac Bridge

The Mackinac Bridge was built in 1957 and is one of the longest suspension bridges in the world, with a main span of 3,800 feet. The bridge is also one of the tallest, with towers that reach 552 feet above the water. The bridge is made of steel and concrete and weighs over 1 million tons.



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The Mackinac Bridge is a popular tourist attraction, and millions of people visit it each year. The bridge offers stunning views of the Straits of

Mackinac and the surrounding area. Visitors can walk or bike across the bridge, or they can take a boat tour to see it from below.

The Freight Ships

The Great Lakes are home to a large fleet of freight ships that transport a variety of goods, including iron ore, coal, grain, and limestone. These ships are essential to the economy of the Great Lakes region, and they play a vital role in the transportation of goods throughout the United States and Canada.

The Mackinac Bridge is a major obstacle for freight ships, and they must carefully navigate the narrow channel beneath the bridge. The bridge is also a popular spot for ship watching, and visitors can often see dozens of ships passing beneath it each day.

The Collision

On November 10, 1975, the freighter Edmund Fitzgerald collided with the Mackinac Bridge. The ship was carrying a load of iron ore from Superior, Wisconsin, to Detroit, Michigan. The collision caused the ship to break in two and sink, and all 29 crew members were lost.

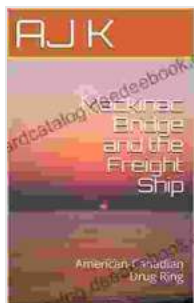
The Edmund Fitzgerald disaster was one of the worst maritime disasters in Great Lakes history. The ship was one of the largest and most modern freighters on the Great Lakes, and its sinking was a major loss for the shipping industry. The disaster also raised questions about the safety of the Mackinac Bridge and the Great Lakes shipping system.

The Aftermath

The Edmund Fitzgerald disaster led to a number of changes in the Great Lakes shipping industry. The Coast Guard increased its patrols of the Great Lakes, and new safety regulations were put in place. The Mackinac Bridge was also reinforced, and new navigational aids were installed.

Today, the Mackinac Bridge is one of the safest bridges in the world. It is also a vital link in the Great Lakes shipping system, and it plays a major role in the economy of the region.

The Mackinac Bridge and the freight ships are two of the most iconic symbols of the Great Lakes region. The bridge is a marvel of engineering, and the ships are essential to the economy of the region. Together, they represent the rich history and the bright future of the Great Lakes.



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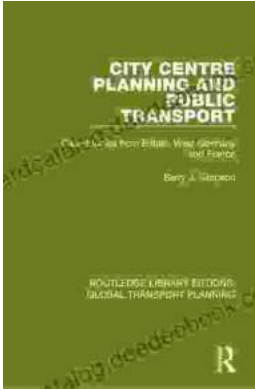
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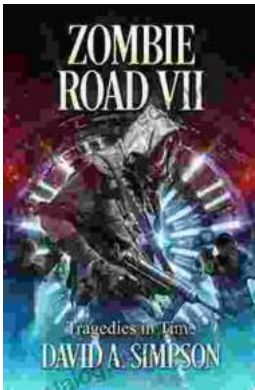
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