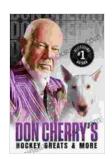
# Don Cherry: A Hockey Legend and More

Don Cherry is a Canadian hockey commentator and former coach. He is best known for his work on Hockey Night in Canada, where he has been a fixture since 1981. Cherry is a controversial figure, but he is also one of the most recognizable and popular personalities in hockey.

# **Early Life and Career**

Cherry was born in Kingston, Ontario in 1934. He began playing hockey at a young age, and by the time he was 18, he was playing for the Junior A Kingston Frontenacs. Cherry was a tough, physical player, and he quickly made a name for himself as a hard hitter. In 1954, he was drafted by the Boston Bruins, and he made his NHL debut in 1955.



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Cherry played in the NHL for 10 seasons, with the Bruins, New York Rangers, and Toronto Maple Leafs. He was never a star player, but he was a valuable member of every team he played for. Cherry was known for his toughness and his willingness to stand up for his teammates. He was also

a vocal leader, and he was often the one to fire up his team before a big game.

# **Coaching Career**

After retiring from playing, Cherry began a coaching career. He coached in the AHL for several years, and in 1971, he was hired as the head coach of the Boston Bruins. Cherry was a successful coach, and he led the Bruins to the Stanley Cup Finals in 1972 and 1974. However, he was also a controversial coach, and he was fired by the Bruins in 1974 after a dispute with the team's management.

Cherry went on to coach several other teams, including the Colorado Rockies, the Toronto Maple Leafs, and the Calgary Flames. He was never able to win another Stanley Cup, but he remained a popular figure among hockey fans.

## **Hockey Night in Canada**

Cherry joined Hockey Night in Canada in 1981, and he quickly became one of the most popular commentators on the show. Cherry is known for his colorful personality and his outspoken opinions. He is not afraid to say what he thinks, even if it is controversial. Cherry's commentary has often landed him in hot water, but he has also been praised for his honesty and his passion for the game.

Cherry has been a fixture on Hockey Night in Canada for over 30 years. He is one of the most recognizable faces in hockey, and he is considered by many to be the greatest hockey commentator of all time.

#### **Controversies**

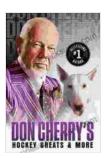
Cherry has been involved in several controversies over the years. In 1994, he was suspended by the CBC for making a derogatory remark about European players. In 2004, he was suspended again for making a homophobic remark. And in 2019, he was fired by the CBC after making a racist remark on air.

Despite his controversies, Cherry remains a popular figure among hockey fans. He is known for his honesty and his passion for the game. Cherry is not afraid to say what he thinks, and he is always willing to stand up for what he believes in.

## Legacy

Don Cherry is a Canadian icon. He is one of the most recognizable and popular personalities in hockey. Cherry is known for his tough exterior and his outspoken opinions, but he is also a passionate and knowledgeable hockey fan. Cherry has been a fixture on Hockey Night in Canada for over 30 years, and he has helped to make the show one of the most popular in the world.

Cherry's legacy is complex. He is a controversial figure, but he is also one of the most influential people in hockey. Cherry has helped to shape the game of hockey, and he has made it more popular than ever before. He is a true icon of the sport, and he will be remembered for years to come.

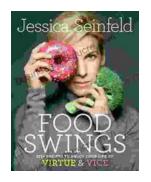


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