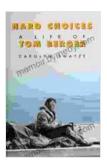
# Tom Berger's Hard Choices: A Life Lived in Service



## Hard Choices: A Life of Tom Berger by Carolyn Swayze

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Tom Berger's memoir, Hard Choices, is a gripping account of his extraordinary life of service and leadership. From his time as a young soldier during the Korean War to his groundbreaking work as a diplomat and humanitarian, Berger's story is one of resilience, courage, and compassion.

Born in New York City in 1931, Berger grew up in a working-class family. He was always a bright and ambitious young man, and he excelled in school. After graduating from high school, Berger attended the University of Pennsylvania, where he studied political science.

After college, Berger joined the Army and served in the Korean War. He was a brave and dedicated soldier, and he quickly rose through the ranks. After the war, Berger returned to the United States and began a career in diplomacy.

Berger's diplomatic career took him all over the world. He served as ambassador to several countries, including South Korea, Japan, and the United Kingdom. He also played a key role in the negotiation of several important treaties, including the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

In addition to his diplomatic work, Berger was also a tireless humanitarian. He worked with several organizations to provide food, medicine, and shelter to people in need. He also spoke out against human rights abuses and fought for the rights of refugees.

Berger's memoir is a fascinating and inspiring read. It is the story of a man who dedicated his life to making the world a better place.

### **Early Life and Education**

Tom Berger was born in New York City in 1931. His parents were both immigrants from Eastern Europe, and they worked hard to provide a good life for their son. Berger grew up in a working-class neighborhood, and he attended public schools.

Berger was always a bright and ambitious young man. He excelled in school, and he was involved in several extracurricular activities. He was a member of the debate team, the student government, and the football team.

After graduating from high school, Berger attended the University of Pennsylvania. He majored in political science, and he graduated with honors. After college, Berger joined the Army and served in the Korean War.

## **Military Service**

Berger served in the Army from 1952 to 1954. He was a member of the 24th Infantry Division, and he fought in several major battles, including the Battle of Pork Chop Hill.

Berger was a brave and dedicated soldier. He was wounded in action twice, and he was awarded the Purple Heart. After the war, Berger returned to the United States and began a career in diplomacy.

## **Diplomatic Career**

Berger's diplomatic career spanned more than three decades. He served as ambassador to several countries, including South Korea, Japan, and the

United Kingdom. He also played a key role in the negotiation of several important treaties, including the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

Berger was a skilled diplomat. He was able to build strong relationships with leaders from all over the world. He was also a gifted negotiator, and he was able to help resolve several difficult conflicts.

In addition to his diplomatic work, Berger was also a tireless humanitarian. He worked with several organizations to provide food, medicine, and shelter to people in need. He also spoke out against human rights abuses and fought for the rights of refugees.

Berger's diplomatic career was marked by several highlights. In 1972, he played a key role in the negotiation of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty. The treaty was a major step forward in the effort to prevent the spread of nuclear weapons.

In 1977, Berger was appointed ambassador to South Korea. He served in this role for three years, and he helped to improve relations between the United States and South Korea.

In 1981, Berger was appointed ambassador to Japan. He served in this role for four years, and he helped to strengthen the economic and military alliance between the United States and Japan.

In 1985, Berger was appointed ambassador to the United Kingdom. He served in this role for three years, and he helped to improve relations between the United States and the United Kingdom.

Berger retired from the diplomatic service in 1988. He had served with distinction for more than three decades, and he had made significant contributions to the United States and the world.

#### **Humanitarian Work**

In addition to his diplomatic career, Berger was also a tireless humanitarian. He worked with several organizations to provide food, medicine, and shelter to people in need. He also spoke out against human rights abuses and fought for the rights of refugees.

Berger was a strong advocate for the poor and the disadvantaged. He believed that everyone deserved a chance to live a decent life. He worked to provide food, medicine, and shelter to people in need, and he spoke out against the policies that created poverty and inequality.

Berger was also a strong defender of human rights. He spoke out against human rights abuses in all forms, and he fought for the rights of refugees. He believed that everyone deserved to live in freedom and dignity, and he worked to make that a reality for all.

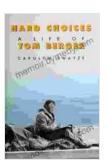
## Legacy

Tom Berger was a remarkable man who dedicated his life to making the world a better place. He served his country with distinction, and he made significant contributions to the United States and the world. He was a brilliant diplomat, a tireless humanitarian, and a true leader.

Berger's legacy will live on for generations to come. He inspired countless people with his dedication to service, his courage, and his compassion. He showed us all that it is possible to make a difference in the world, and he

challenged us to do our part to make the world a more just and equitable place for all.

Tom Berger's memoir, Hard Choices, is a fascinating and inspiring read. It is the story of a man who dedicated his life to making the world a better place. Berger's story is one of resilience, courage, and compassion, and it is a reminder that we all have the potential to make a difference in the world.



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