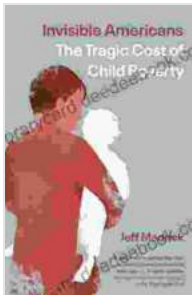


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The Faces of Child Poverty

Child poverty is not just a problem in inner cities. It affects children in all parts of the country, in both rural and urban areas. In fact, the majority of poor children live in working families. Their parents work hard, but they simply cannot earn enough to make ends meet.

The faces of child poverty are diverse. They include:

- The child who goes to school hungry because their family cannot afford to buy food.
- The child who lives in a crowded and unsanitary apartment because their family cannot afford a better place to live.
- The child who lacks access to basic healthcare because their family cannot afford health insurance.
- The child who is exposed to violence and trauma because they live in a dangerous neighborhood.

The Devastating Impact of Child Poverty

The consequences of child poverty are devastating, both for the children themselves and for society as a whole. Children who grow up in poverty are more likely to:

- Experience health problems, such as asthma, obesity, and developmental delays.
- Have difficulty in school, and are more likely to drop out.
- Be involved in crime and violence.
- Have mental health problems, such as depression and anxiety.
- Live in poverty as adults.

Child poverty also has a negative impact on society as a whole. It leads to increased crime, violence, and social unrest. It also undermines the

economy, as poor children are less likely to be productive members of society.

What Can We Do?

We cannot afford to ignore the problem of child poverty. It is a moral imperative to ensure that all children have the opportunity to reach their full potential. There are a number of things that we can do to address child poverty, including:

- Increase the minimum wage.
- Provide affordable housing.
- Expand access to healthcare.
- Invest in early childhood education.
- Support families with children.

By taking these steps, we can help to create a more just and equitable society for all.

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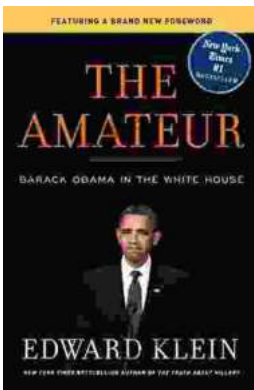
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