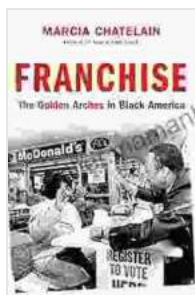


Franchise The Golden Arches In Black America: A Longstanding Symbol of Opportunity and Empowerment



From its humble beginnings in San Bernardino, California, McDonald's has grown into a global fast-food empire with over 39,000 restaurants worldwide. But for many African Americans, the Golden Arches represent

more than just a place to grab a quick bite. They have become a symbol of opportunity, empowerment, and the pursuit of the American Dream.



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A Legacy of Black Franchise Ownership

The history of Black franchise ownership within McDonald's dates back to the early 1960s, when the company first began to actively recruit minority franchisees. In 1968, Herman Petty became the first African American to own a McDonald's franchise, opening his restaurant in Memphis, Tennessee. Petty's success paved the way for other African Americans to enter the franchise business, and by the end of the decade, there were over 100 Black-owned McDonald's restaurants in the United States.

The growth of Black franchise ownership within McDonald's was not without its challenges. African Americans faced discrimination and racism from both within the company and from the surrounding community. But they persevered, building successful businesses and creating opportunities for themselves and their families.

Economic Empowerment and Social Impact

For many African Americans, owning a McDonald's franchise has been a transformative experience. It has provided them with financial security, a sense of accomplishment, and a platform to give back to their communities.

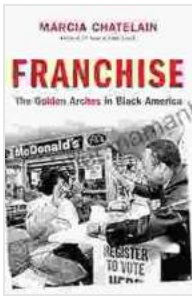
Black-owned McDonald's restaurants have been credited with creating jobs, revitalizing neighborhoods, and supporting local businesses. They have also been a source of pride and inspiration for African Americans across the country.

The Future of Black Franchise Ownership

Today, there are over 3,500 Black-owned McDonald's franchises in the United States. They represent a significant force in the fast-food industry and continue to play an important role in the economic empowerment of African Americans.

The future of Black franchise ownership within McDonald's is bright. The company has a long history of supporting diversity and inclusion, and it is committed to continuing to create opportunities for African Americans.

The Golden Arches of McDonald's have become a symbol of opportunity and empowerment for Black America. For decades, African American franchisees have faced challenges and triumphed over adversity, building successful businesses and creating a lasting legacy. As McDonald's continues to grow and evolve, it is essential that the company remains committed to supporting Black franchise ownership. By doing so, it will continue to play an important role in the economic and social advancement of African Americans.



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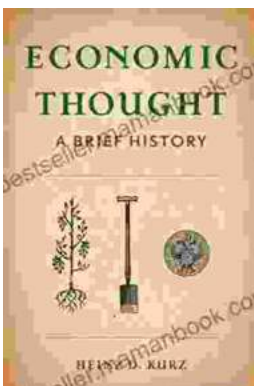
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