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Over the next three decades, the amount of Americans over fifty will double, swelling to greater than a quarter of the populace. Already we are living thirty years longer than a century back, with further gains expected in the arriving years. At a juncture when the middle-generation faces a time-famine, struggling to simultaneously raise kids and function long hours on the job, the older generation is awash in free time, poised to succeed women because the trustees of civic life in this country. Yet, as individuals, so when a society, we've shown little imagination or wisdom in using this great gift of a third age group. Marc Freedman identifies the brand new longevity as not a problem to become solved, but a chance to be seized-provided we are able to engage the experience, skill, and idealism of old Americans. The outcome is a new stage of life, one as long or longer than childhood or middle age group in duration, and one spent in unprecedented a healthy body. Freedman argues that the aging phenomenon, the substantial transformation that many portray as our downfall, may actually be our best expect renewal as a nation. In the process they stand to find new meaning and purpose in their lives, and abandon the limbo-like state unfulfilling for therefore many older individuals.



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Five Stars There's a chapter in the publication that targets my Father.. shocked and dismayed There are 3 books every older person should read and ponder. (Or they just are poor visitors with a heavy, negative agenda)Buy this book, you won't become disappointed!Marc Freedman's call for investing in creating opportunities for senior citizen service isn't just altruistic, it is important if we are ever to weave together the fabric of our bickering populations. It's as if the graying of America may be the new parade in town, and what could be better than to get in front of it before other people does? But above all else, he portrays an image of engaged, older citizens who make a difference to their community. This is a much better picture compared to the one the mass media portrays of "greedy geezers" or "selfish bluehairs".Just like the other authors, Freedman did his homework and presents a positive option to seniors on golf courses.Those who gave a negative view of the book quite frankly shocked me. Unfortunately they promote a very selfish portrait of older Americans at a time when we can least afford it. Marc Freedman's book Prime Period is one of these (The other titles are Another Country and Age-ing to Sage-ing). This is a good book for anyone thinking about new visions for an older country. With all that senseless fun they are having, surely they will want to follow the new leader into the more meaningful direction of dedicated public services. Freedman and personally thank him for advocating for a meaningful function for older citizens. Unconvincing Thesis The best of "Prime Time" for me is in the absolutely fantastic chapter called "A Year-Round Vacation," which brilliantly and entertainingly documents the life and accomplishments of Del Webb, the founder of sunlight Cities. The chapter brings alive the atmosphere of the late '50's relative to retirement, and traces the marketing theory that brings the "golden age" into actuality for those who move to Sun City and others that follow. Nonetheless it is really as if the book drops off a cliff from then on chapter, with the rest of it as an unconvincing, detail-laden, name-dropping, boring read which makes you question where all of the fun went. I'm not really convinced, and I don't like it when the author in proclaiming his thesis uses the pronoun "we" so forcefully. Freedman is a refreshing voice who sets a welcome human encounter on the ageing of our society--a subject most often dealt with through dire statistical predictions and paranoia. Certainly, the writer comes into your time and effort with weighty social-engineering baggage. For example, "We must embark on a major advertising work communicating that the aging of America is an excellent chance of individuals and culture, an enormous call to action that replaces the long-standing message that older adults are superfluous." Can't you merely see the energetic adults on their method to a concert, playing golf or tennis, or elsewhere enjoying their day all of a sudden looking over and saying, "What's with the 'we' stuff, buddy? Boomers begins turning 60 on January 1, 2006." Minus the chapter on Del Webb, the publication is a great read limited to those whose vision would be to save the world through the retired and elderly, with a lot of money flowing into excess fat goverment-sponsored programs to create it "work." Freedman is apparently one of the new variety of prophets who tend to be more than willing to give visionary direction to those nearing or in pension, whether they want to buy or not. His recounting of the evolution of our changing attitudes towards elders will probably be worth the book by itself.I hope someday to meet Mr. Just the message we are in need of The aging of America is upon us. Perform we get yourself a vote, or are you producing all the decisions for us?To read the papers, you would think that this event will likely be the start of an extended gray sunset where older adults suck the amount of money from the federal treasury and existence out of our communities. Freedman's lively publication suggests a different plus much more optimistic look at in which people who have finished their midlife careers can make fun new contributions.We have a lot of problems that need solving in our communities and in our country. Freedman

shows us how older adults might play a huge role in conference those difficulties, and at the same time possess an enriching experience in doing so. A must read if you are thinking about what our society will look like over the next few decades. It's about time! His thesis appears to be that in your old age pouring the guts and sole back into humanity, specifically the youth, is normally infinitely better than chasing pleasurable pursuits as a full-time endeavor. The succinct reporting of the prevailing public value mounted on older People in America from the Puritan period (revered resources of wisdom) to more recent decades (keepers of free time) is essential. The profiles of everyday heroes reveal the classic American ideals of ingenuity and cultural concern used through a fresh generation of retirement-age people. The perspective on the formation of the notion of "golden years" is informative. Prime Time illustrates that, as the demographic revolution can be real, a negative whammy on America doesn't have to be the result. And the informing of the selling of Sun Town is a hoot--an "only in the us" tale that delivers plenty of context for understanding society's ambivalence and dilemma in dealing with the chance and challenges inherent within an aging population. It really is easily worth 6 stars.



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