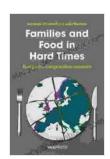
Families and Food in Hard Times: Strategies for Survival and Resilience

For families facing financial hardship, putting food on the table can be a daunting challenge. The economic downturn caused by the COVID-19 pandemic has only exacerbated the problem, with millions of Americans losing their jobs and struggling to make ends meet.



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When families are struggling to make ends meet, food is often one of the first things to be sacrificed. This can have a devastating impact on children, who are particularly vulnerable to the effects of malnutrition.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, one in five children in the United States lives in a food-insecure household. This means that they do not have consistent access to enough food to meet their basic needs.

Food insecurity can have a number of negative consequences for children, including:

- Poor academic performance
- Behavioral problems
- Increased risk of chronic diseases

In addition to the physical effects, food insecurity can also have a significant emotional impact on children. They may feel ashamed or embarrassed about their family's situation, and they may worry about where their next meal will come from.

For families facing hard times, there are a number of strategies that can help them put food on the table. These include:

- Budgeting: Families need to be careful about how they spend their money. This means cutting back on unnecessary expenses and prioritizing food costs.
- Accessing government assistance: There are a number of government programs that can help families put food on the table.
 These include the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP),the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program, and school breakfast and lunch programs.
- Building community support: Families can also get help from their community. This includes joining food banks, participating in community gardens, and reaching out to local churches and other organizations.

Feeding a family in hard times can be a challenge, but it is possible. By following these strategies, families can put food on the table and ensure that their children are getting the nutrition they need to thrive.

Additional Resources

- USDA Food and Nutrition Service
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program
- Feeding America
- Food Pantries

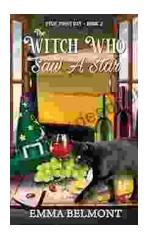


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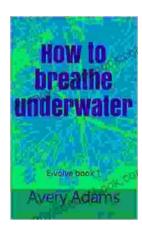
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