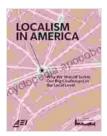
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Our big challenges, such as climate change, poverty, and inequality, can seem overwhelming. They're so big and complex that it's hard to know where to start. But what if we could start tackling them at the local level?

Local action is often more effective than national or international action. This is because local communities are more nimble and can respond more quickly to changing circumstances. They also have a better understanding of the local context and can tailor their solutions to the specific needs of their community.

There are many examples of how local action is making a difference. For example, the city of Portland, Oregon has implemented a number of

policies to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions. These policies include investing in renewable energy, improving public transportation, and making buildings more energy-efficient. As a result of these policies, Portland's greenhouse gas emissions have decreased by 10% since 2010.

Another example of successful local action is the city of Richmond, California. Richmond is a low-income community that has been disproportionately impacted by pollution. In 2013, the city council passed a resolution to become a "zero waste" city by 2025. This resolution committed the city to reducing its waste by 90%. To achieve this goal, the city has implemented a number of programs, including a food scrap composting program, a recycling program, and a waste reduction education campaign. As a result of these programs, Richmond's waste diversion rate has increased from 30% to 60%.

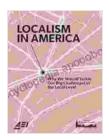


These are just a few examples of how local action can make a difference. When we work together at the local level, we can create lasting change. So what are you waiting for? Get involved in your community and start making a difference today.

Here are some tips for getting involved in your community:

- Attend local government meetings.
- Volunteer for a local organization.
- Start a community garden.
- Organize a neighborhood cleanup.
- Run for local office.

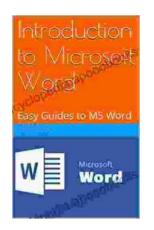
No matter how you choose to get involved, your participation can make a difference. So get started today and help create a better future for your community.



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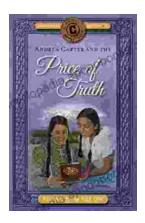
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