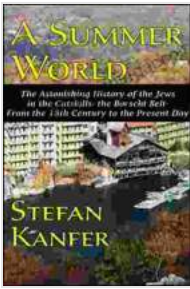


The Astonishing History of the Jews in the Catskills: The Borscht Belt From the 1920s to the 1970s

By Frank Modell

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The Catskills Borscht Belt was a summer resort region in the Catskill Mountains of New York that was once a thriving hub of Jewish culture and entertainment.

The Borscht Belt got its name from the borscht, a beet soup that was a popular dish in the region. The resorts were typically family-run businesses that offered a variety of activities, including swimming, hiking, fishing, and dancing. They also had entertainment venues that hosted a variety of performers, including comedians, singers, and actors.

The Borscht Belt reached its peak in the 1950s and 1960s, when it was estimated that over 500,000 people visited the region each year. However, the Borscht Belt began to decline in the 1970s, as a number of factors, including the rise of air travel and the popularity of other vacation destinations, led to a decline in the number of visitors.

In his book, *The Astonishing History of the Jews in the Catskills*, Frank Modell takes readers on a nostalgic journey through the Borscht Belt's heyday, exploring the social, economic, and cultural factors that contributed to its success, and the reasons for its eventual decline.

Modell's book is a must-read for anyone interested in the history of the Catskills, Jewish culture, or the American entertainment industry. It is a well-written and informative book that is both entertaining and thought-provoking.

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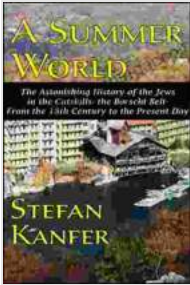
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