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McKinley William Jennings Bryan and Ronald Reagan and athletes like Bob Feller and John Wooden by turns engender and illustrate the extraordinary cultural shifts that have transformed the Midwest and through the Midwest the nation and the world Many of these men are familiar icons even Ford and Reagan certainly Ernie Pyle Sinclair Lewis James Dean and Lawrence Welk and others like artists Oscar Micheaux and John Steuart Curry economist Alvin Hansen and composer Meredith Willson less so But in their stories as John E Miller tells them all appear in a new light unique in their backgrounds and accomplishments united only in the way their lives reveal the persisting shaping power of place and particularly the Midwest on the cultural imagination and national consciousness In a thoroughly engaging style Miller introduces us to the small town Midwestern boys who became these all American characters privileging us with insights that pierce the public images of politicians and businessmen thinkers and entertainers alike From the smell of the farm the sounds and silences of hamlets and county seats the schoolyard athletics and classroom instruction and theatrical performance we follow these men to their moments of inspiration innovation and fame observing the workings of the small town past in their very different relationships with the larger world Their stories reveal in an intimate way how profoundly childhood experiences shape personal identity and how deeply place figures in the mapping of thought belief ambition and life s course Off the Beaten Path® ,2020-10-01 Tired of the same old tourist traps Whether you re a visitor or a local looking for something different The Dakotas Off the Beaten Path shows you North and South Dakota with new perspectives on timeless destinations and introduces you to those you never knew existed See the house Pa built during the annual Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant in De Smet South Dakota Excavate mammoth bones in the Black Hills or spelunk in some of the world s largest caves Dance to Norwegian fiddles at North America's largest Scandinavian festival or lose yourself in the brilliant splendor of a powwow So if you we been there done that one too many times get off the main road and venture Off the Beaten Path The Dakotas Off the Beaten Path® Lisa Meyers McClintick, 2015-05-01 Tired of the same old tourist traps Whether you re a visitor or a local looking for something different let The Dakotas Off the Beaten Path show you a side of North and South Dakota you never knew existed See the house Pa built during the annual Laura Ingalls Wilder Pageant in De Smet South Dakota Excavate mammoth bones in the Black Hills or spelunk in some of the world's largest caves Dance to Norwegian fiddles at North America's largest Scandinavian festival or lose yourself in the brilliant splendor of a powwow So if you ve been there done that one too many times get off the main road and venture Off the Beaten Path Handbook of Media Management and Economics Alan B. Albarran, Sylvia M. Chan-Olmsted, Michael O. Wirth, 2006 This handbook provides a synthesis of current work and research in media management and economics and establishes an agenda for future activities It will serve as a foundational resource for scholars and students in media management and economics

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