

# Crabgrass Frontier: The Suburbanization of the United States

**Crabgrass Frontier** is a sweeping history of the suburbanization of the United States. From the early days of the republic, when most Americans lived in rural areas, to the present day, when more than half of the population lives in suburbs, Crabgrass Frontier traces the forces that have shaped the way we live.



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Author Kenneth Jackson argues that the rise of the suburbs was not simply a matter of people moving out of the cities. Instead, it was a complex process that involved changes in technology, economics, and culture. Jackson shows how the development of the automobile, the rise of the middle class, and the changing role of women all contributed to the growth of the suburbs.

Crabgrass Frontier is a fascinating and informative account of one of the most important trends in American history. Jackson's book is essential reading for anyone who wants to understand how the United States became the suburban nation it is today.

### **The Early Years of Suburbia**

The first suburbs in the United States were built in the early 19th century. These early suburbs were small communities that were located just outside of the city limits. They were typically home to wealthy families who wanted to escape the noise and pollution of the city. By the end of the 19th century, suburbs were becoming increasingly popular. The development of the electric streetcar made it possible for people to live further away from their workplaces. At the same time, the rise of the middle class created a demand for more affordable housing. As a result, suburbs began to spring up all over the country.

### **The Postwar Boom**

The suburbanization of the United States accelerated after World War II. The war had created a housing shortage, and the government responded by providing low-interest loans to veterans who wanted to buy homes. At the same time, the development of the interstate highway system made it easier for people to commute to work from the suburbs. As a result, the suburbs grew rapidly during the postwar years. By 1960, more than half of the American population lived in suburbs.

### **The Changing Suburbs**

The suburbs have continued to change over the years. In the 1970s and 1980s, the suburbs became more diverse as African Americans and

Latinos moved into the suburbs. In the 1990s and 2000s, the suburbs became more affluent as the middle class moved to the suburbs in search of better schools and safer neighborhoods. Today, the suburbs are home to a wide range of people, from young families to retirees.

## The Future of Suburbia

The future of suburbia is uncertain. Some experts believe that the suburbs will continue to grow as more people move to the suburbs in search of a better quality of life. Others believe that the suburbs will decline as more people move back to the cities. Only time will tell what the future holds for suburbia.

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### ## Image Alt Text

\* \*\*Image 1:\*\* A group of people walking down a suburban street. \* \*\*Image 2:\*\* A family sitting on their porch in a suburban home. \* \*\*Image 3:\*\* A man commuting to work on a suburban train. \* \*\*Image 4:\*\* A group of children playing in a suburban park. \* \*\*Image 5:\*\* A suburban street lined with houses.

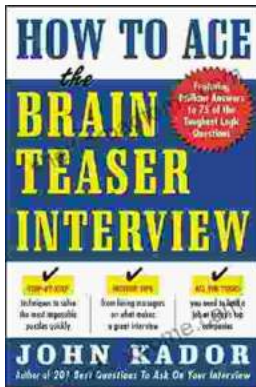


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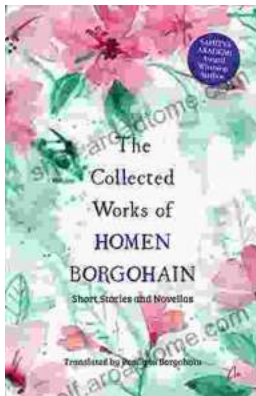
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