

American Circus Posters: A Visual History of the Greatest Show on Earth

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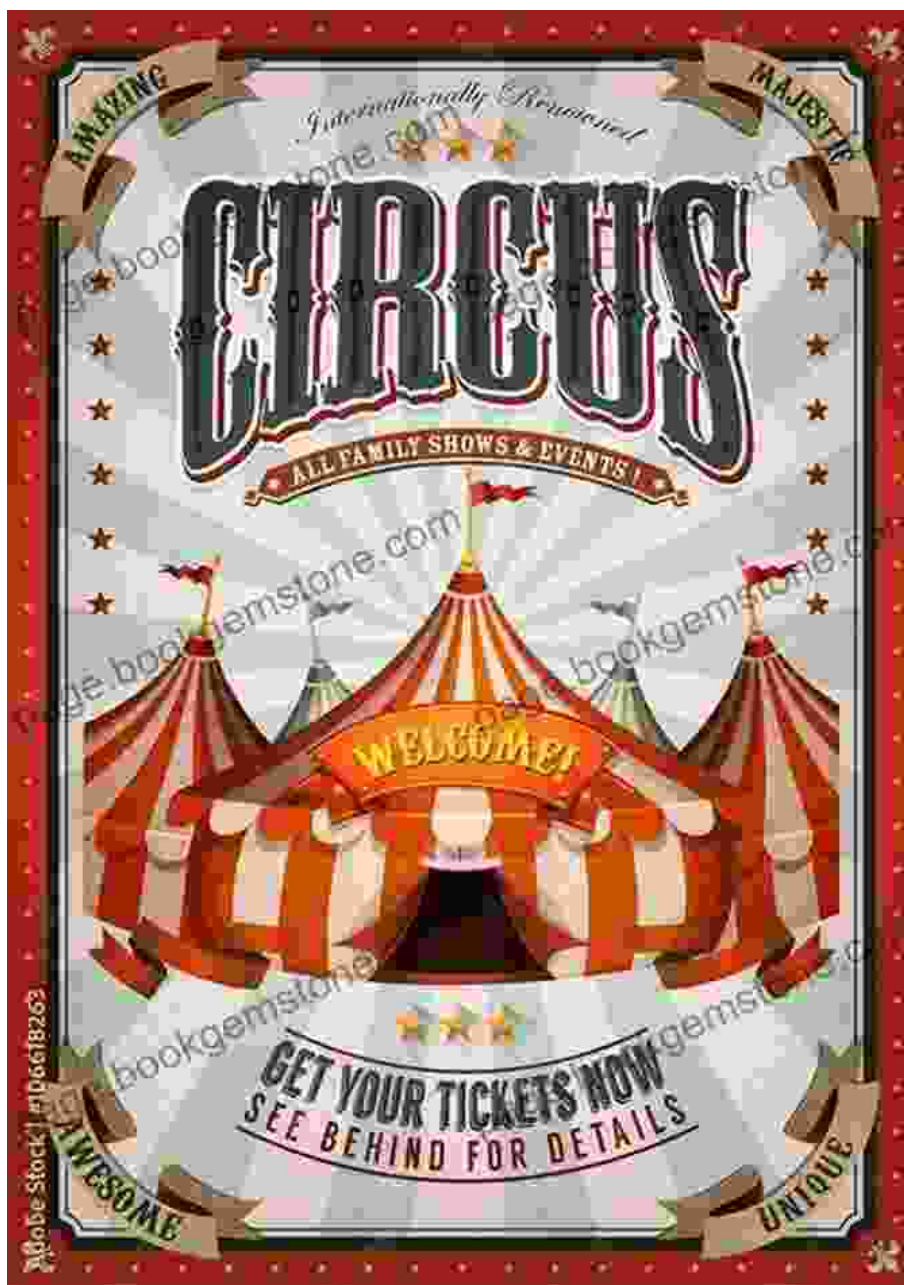
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The Early Days of Circus Posters

The first circus posters were created in the early 1800s. These posters were simple and often featured only a few words of text and a basic image of a circus tent. As the circus grew in popularity, so did the posters. By the mid-19th century, circus posters were becoming increasingly elaborate, with bright colors, detailed illustrations, and whimsical typography.

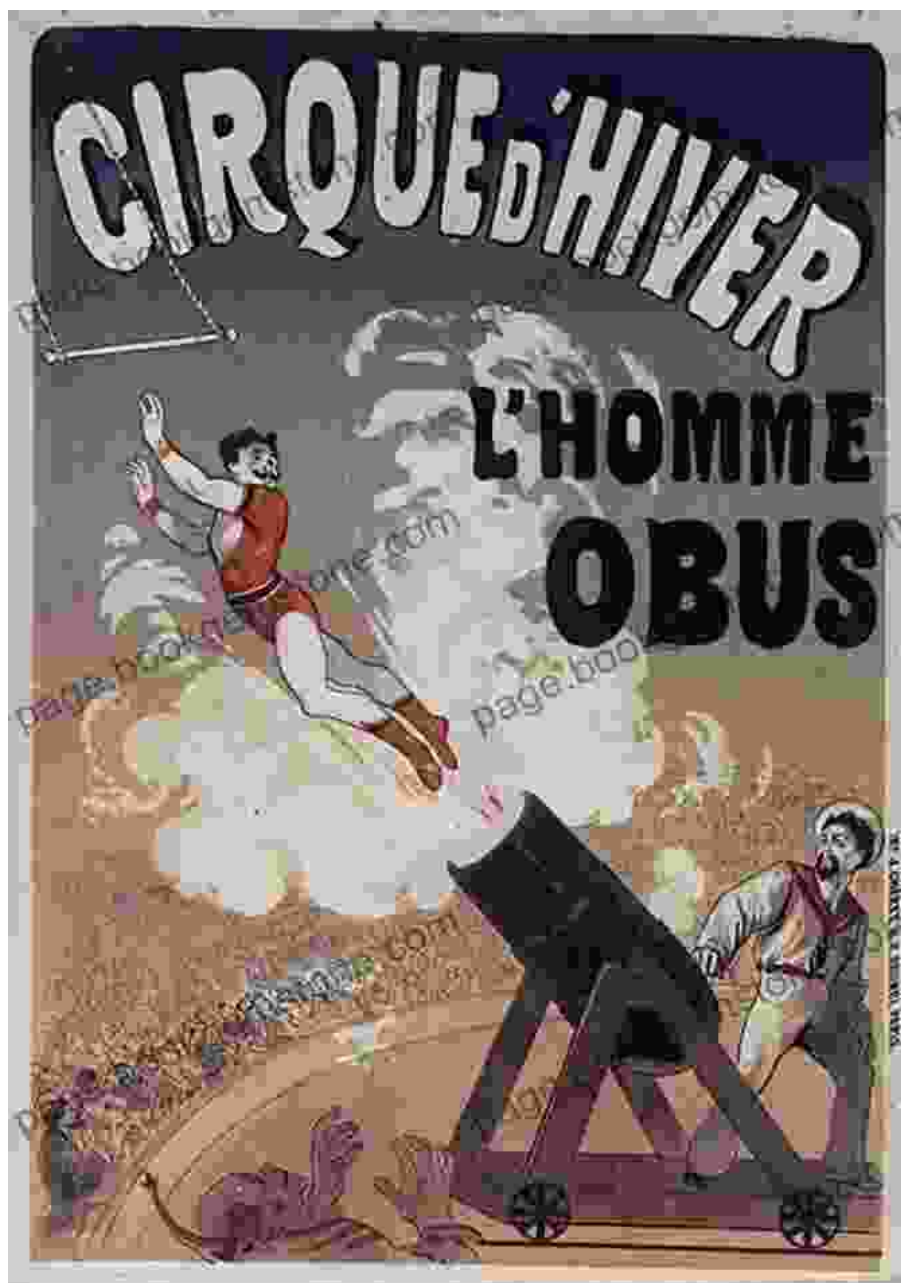
One of the most famous early circus posters is the



The Golden Age of Circus Posters

The golden age of circus posters was the early 20th century. During this time, circus posters reached their peak of popularity and creativity. Some of the most iconic circus posters of all time were created during this period.

One of the most famous circus poster artists of the early 20th century was



Another famous circus poster artist of the early 20th century was



The Decline of Circus Posters

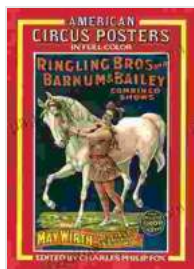
The popularity of circus posters began to decline in the mid-20th century. This was due in part to the rise of television and other forms of mass media. As people began to spend more time watching television, they had

less time for attending the circus. This led to a decline in the demand for circus posters.

Today, circus posters are still created, but they are not as common as they once were. However, the vintage circus posters of the 19th and early 20th centuries remain highly collectible and sought-after by collectors and art enthusiasts alike.

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If you are interested in learning more about American circus posters, there are a number of resources available online. The Library of Congress has a large collection of circus posters that you can view online. The American Circus Corporation also has a number of resources available on circus posters, including a searchable database of circus posters.



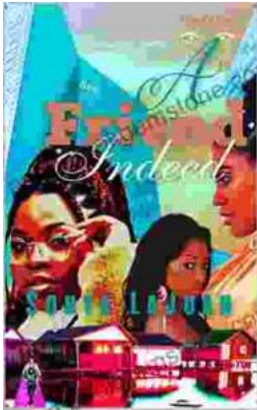
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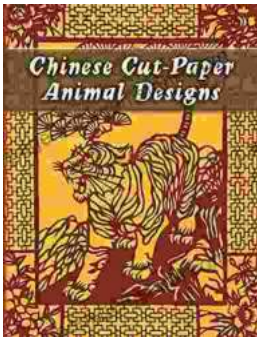
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