

# Unveiling the Life of Frances Perkins: FDR's Secretary of Labor and Moral Compass

Step into the extraordinary life of Frances Perkins, the visionary force behind pioneering labor laws and a guiding star for President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. In her groundbreaking book, "The Life of Frances Perkins: FDR's Secretary of Labor and His Moral Conscience," author Aviva Kempner paints an intimate portrait of this remarkable woman, revealing her unwavering commitment to social justice and the pivotal role she played in shaping the New Deal.

## From Social Activist to Labor Champion

Frances Perkins's life began in Boston in 1880, in a world where women faced limited opportunities. However, her keen social conscience and unwavering determination led her to pursue a career in social work. Her work with the New York City Tenement House Department sparked her passion for improving the living and working conditions of the city's most vulnerable. Perkins's unwavering advocacy for workers' rights caught the attention of then-Governor Franklin Roosevelt, who appointed her as New York State's Industrial Commissioner in 1929.



## The Woman Behind the New Deal: The Life of Frances Perkins, FDR'S Secretary of Labor and His Moral

**Conscience** by Kirstin Downey

★★★★☆ 4.7 out of 5

Language : English

File size : 5442 KB

Text-to-Speech : Enabled

Screen Reader : Supported

Enhanced typesetting : Enabled

Word Wise : Enabled  
Print length : 641 pages  
X-Ray : Enabled

FREE

DOWNLOAD E-BOOK



## A Catalyst for Labor Reform

As Labor Secretary in Roosevelt's administration, Perkins became the first woman to serve in a presidential cabinet. She played a central role in crafting landmark legislation such as the Social Security Act, the Fair Labor Standards Act, and the National Labor Relations Act. These measures established minimum wages, maximum hours, and guaranteed workers' rights to organize and bargain collectively. Perkins's efforts transformed the American labor landscape, providing essential protections for workers and mitigating the harsh effects of the Great Depression.



### **The Moral Conscience of the New Deal**

Beyond her legislative achievements, Perkins served as Roosevelt's moral compass, guiding him toward policies that reflected his commitment to economic equity and social justice. She challenged discriminatory practices

within the New Deal, compelling Roosevelt to address the needs of women, minorities, and the disabled. Perkins's unwavering belief in the inherent dignity of all workers made her an indispensable ally to Roosevelt, who relied on her counsel and deep understanding of human welfare.



## **A Legacy of Social Justice**

Frances Perkins's legacy extends far beyond her time in government. Her groundbreaking work laid the foundation for modern labor laws and social safety net programs. Her commitment to fighting inequality and empowering workers continues to inspire generations of activists and policymakers. Aviva Kempner's meticulously researched biography brings Perkins's remarkable story to life, offering a captivating account of this trailblazing figure who transformed the lives of countless Americans.



## Free Download Your Copy Today!

Delve into the inspiring life of Frances Perkins and discover her transformative impact on labor rights and social justice. Free Download your copy of "The Life of Frances Perkins: FDR's Secretary of Labor and His Moral Conscience" today and embark on a journey that will broaden your understanding of American history and inspire you to champion the causes that matter most.



### The Woman Behind the New Deal: The Life of Frances Perkins, FDR'S Secretary of Labor and His Moral

**Conscience** by Kirstin Downey

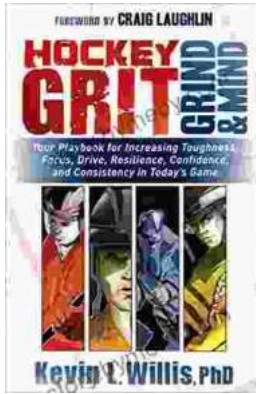
★★★★☆ 4.7 out of 5

Language : English  
File size : 5442 KB  
Text-to-Speech : Enabled  
Screen Reader : Supported  
Enhanced typesetting : Enabled  
Word Wise : Enabled  
Print length : 641 pages  
X-Ray : Enabled

FREE

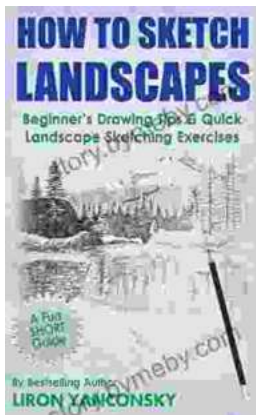
DOWNLOAD E-BOOK





## **Hockey Grit, Grind, Mind: The Ultimate Guide to Mental Toughness for Hockey Players**

Hockey is a tough sport. It requires physical strength, skill, and endurance. But it also requires mental toughness. The ability to stay focused,...



## **Unlock Your Inner Artist: Embark on a Sketching Journey with Beginner Drawing Tip Quick Landscape Sketching Exercises**

Embrace the Beauty of Nature Through Quick Landscape Sketching Are you drawn to the breathtaking beauty of nature and yearn to capture its essence through art? Sketching is...