

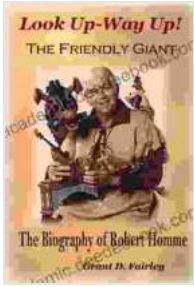
# Look Up Way Up: The Friendly Giant: The Biography of Robert Homme



**Look Up - Way Up! The Friendly Giant - The Biography of Robert Homme** by Grant D. Fairley

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Robert Homme, known to generations of children as the beloved Friendly Giant, was a Canadian actor, writer, and producer who created and starred in the iconic children's television show of the same name. The show, which aired from 1958 to 1985, was a staple of Canadian television and remains a beloved classic today. Homme's gentle and caring demeanor, combined with his unique brand of humor, made him a beloved figure to children and adults alike.

Homme was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on November 21, 1909. He began his career in show business as a radio announcer in the 1930s. In the 1940s, he moved to Canada and began working as an actor in radio and television. In 1958, he created the Friendly Giant, a gentle and caring giant who lived in a castle in the clouds. The show quickly became a hit, and Homme became a household name.

The Friendly Giant was a unique show for its time. It was one of the first children's shows to feature a black actor in a leading role. It also dealt with serious issues such as racism, poverty, and war. Homme's gentle and caring approach to these topics helped children to understand and cope with them.

The Friendly Giant was also a pioneer in the use of educational content in children's television. Each episode of the show featured a different educational topic, such as science, history, or geography. Homme's goal was to entertain and educate children at the same time.



The Friendly Giant was a huge success in Canada and around the world. It was translated into over 20 languages and aired in over 100 countries. The show won numerous awards, including the Peabody Award and the Emmy Award.

Homme continued to work on the Friendly Giant until his death in 1981. He also wrote several books for children, including The Friendly Giant's

Treasury of Songs and The Friendly Giant's Book of Nature.

Homme's legacy continues to live on through the Friendly Giant. The show is still aired in reruns today, and it continues to inspire and entertain children around the world. Homme's gentle and caring demeanor, combined with his unique brand of humor, made him a beloved figure to children and adults alike. He will always be remembered as the Friendly Giant.

### **Additional Information**

In addition to the main body of the article, here is some additional information about Robert Homme and the Friendly Giant:

\* Homme was a private person who rarely gave interviews. He was also very humble about his success. In a 1978 interview, he said, "I'm just a guy who likes to make kids happy." \* The Friendly Giant was filmed in a converted barn in Kleinburg, Ontario. The barn was later turned into a museum dedicated to the show. \* The Friendly Giant was one of the first children's shows to use puppets. The puppets were created by Jim Henson, who later went on to create the Muppets. \* The Friendly Giant was a huge hit with children and adults alike. In 1968, Homme was awarded the Order of Canada, one of the highest honors that can be bestowed on a Canadian citizen. \* Homme died of cancer in 1981 at the age of 71. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy, and his two children, Robert Jr. and Joanna.

Robert Homme was a kind and caring man who dedicated his life to entertaining and educating children. His gentle and caring demeanor, combined with his unique brand of humor, made him a beloved figure to

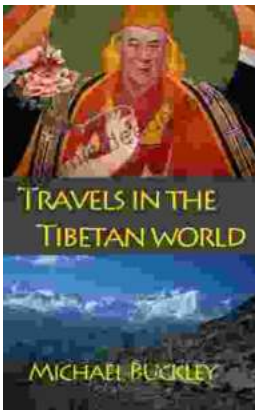
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