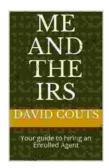
## Me and the IRS: A Long and Winding Road

I've been audited by the IRS twice in my life. The first time was when I was in my early 20s. I had just graduated from college and was working as a freelance writer. I didn't make a lot of money, but I didn't think I owed any taxes. The IRS disagreed.



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They said I owed them over \$1,000. I was shocked. I didn't have that kind of money. I called the IRS and tried to explain my situation, but they wouldn't budge. They said I had to pay the taxes, or they would garnish my wages.

I was terrified. I didn't know what to do. I couldn't afford to pay the taxes, but I also didn't want my wages to be garnished. I called my parents, and they told me to get a tax lawyer.

I found a tax lawyer who helped me to negotiate a payment plan with the IRS. I didn't have to pay the full amount of taxes that I owed, but I did have

to pay a monthly payment for several years.

The second time I was audited by the IRS was when I was in my early 30s. I was working as a full-time writer, and I was making more money than I ever had before. I thought I was ng everything right, but the IRS disagreed.

They said I owed them over \$5,000. Again, I was shocked. I didn't have that kind of money. I called the IRS and tried to explain my situation, but they wouldn't budge. They said I had to pay the taxes, or they would garnish my wages.

I was furious. I had been paying my taxes faithfully for years. I didn't understand why I was being audited again. I called my tax lawyer, and he told me that the IRS was targeting me.

He said that the IRS was cracking down on self-employed people. They were looking for people who were underreporting their income. I didn't think I was underreporting my income, but the IRS didn't believe me.

I ended up having to pay the taxes that I owed, but I wasn't happy about it. I felt like I had been treated unfairly. I had been audited twice in my life, and both times I had been told that I owed money. I didn't know if I could trust the IRS anymore.

A few years later, I decided to start my own business. I was scared to do it, because I didn't want to get audited again. But I also knew that I couldn't keep working for someone else. I wanted to be my own boss.

I started my business slowly. I didn't want to make the same mistakes that I had made before. I kept track of all my income and expenses. I made sure

that I was paying all of my taxes.

I've been in business for over 10 years now, and I haven't been audited

once. I'm not sure if it's because I'm more careful now, or if the IRS has

stopped targeting self-employed people. But I'm grateful that I haven't had

to deal with the IRS in a while.

The IRS can be a daunting organization. They have a lot of power, and

they can make your life miserable if they want to. But it's important to

remember that you have rights. If you're ever audited by the IRS, don't be

afraid to stand up for yourself.

Here are a few tips for dealing with the IRS:

1. Keep good records of all your income and expenses.

2. File your taxes on time.

3. Pay your taxes in full.

4. If you're audited by the IRS, don't be afraid to ask for help from a tax

lawyer.

5. Don't be intimidated by the IRS. They're just people, and they're not

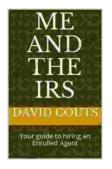
going to hurt you.

The IRS is a part of life. But it doesn't have to be a nightmare. By following

these tips, you can avoid getting audited and stay out of trouble with the

IRS.

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