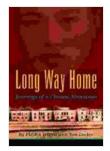
# Long Way Home: The Journey of Chinese Montanans



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#### The Chinese in Montana

The first Chinese immigrants arrived in Montana in the 1860s, during the gold rush. They came from all over China, but most were from the southern

province of Guangdong. They worked as miners, laborers, and merchants. By the 1880s, there were over 1,000 Chinese living in Montana. Most of them lived in Butte, the state's largest city. Butte was a rough and tumble town, and the Chinese faced a great deal of discrimination and violence. They were often attacked by white miners and laborers, who resented their presence. In 1885, a mob of white miners attacked and burned the Chinese quarter in Butte. The Chinese were forced to flee the city, and many of them never returned.

Despite the discrimination and violence, the Chinese persevered. They established their own businesses and communities. They also played an important role in the development of Montana. They worked on the railroads, the mines, and the farms. They helped to build the state into what it is today.

### The Stories of Chinese Montanans

Long Way Home tells the stories of several Chinese Montanans. These stories are both heartbreaking and inspiring. They show the challenges that the Chinese faced, but they also show their resilience and determination. One of the stories is about a young woman named Ah Fong. Ah Fong was born in China in 1865. She came to Montana with her family in 1878. Her father worked as a miner, and her mother worked as a laundrywoman. Ah Fong grew up in Butte, and she experienced firsthand the discrimination and violence that the Chinese faced. But she also learned the importance of perseverance. She went on to become a successful businesswoman and a leader in the Chinese community.

Another story is about a man named Wong Kim Ark. Wong Kim Ark was born in San Francisco in 1873. But his parents were Chinese, and he was

considered a foreign national. In 1898, Wong Kim Ark was arrested and detained by the U.S. government. He argued that he was a U.S. citizen, but the government refused to recognize his citizenship. Wong Kim Ark fought for his rights, and in 1898, the Supreme Court ruled that he was a U.S. citizen by birth. This ruling was a major victory for Chinese Americans, and it helped to establish their rights in the United States.

## The Legacy of Chinese Montanans

The Chinese have made a significant contribution to the history of Montana. They helped to build the state, and they continue to play an important role in its economy and culture. Long Way Home is a powerful and moving account of the experiences of Chinese Montanans. The book tells the stories of these courageous pioneers, who left their homeland in search of a better life. They faced discrimination, prejudice, and violence, but they also persevered and built successful lives for themselves and their families. Long Way Home is a must-read for anyone interested in the history of Chinese immigration to the United States, and for anyone who wants to learn more about the resilience of the human spirit.

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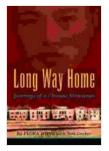
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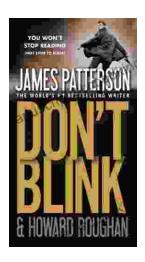
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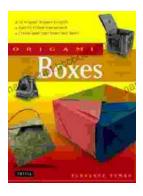
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