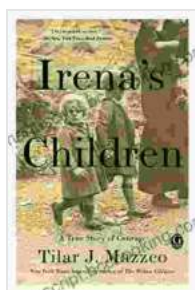


The Extraordinary Story of the Woman Who Saved 500 Children from the Warsaw Ghetto

Irena Sendler was a Polish social worker who risked her life to save hundreds of children from the Warsaw Ghetto during the Holocaust. Her story is one of courage, compassion, and hope.



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Sendler was born in Warsaw in 1910. She was a young woman when the Nazis invaded Poland in 1939 and established the Warsaw Ghetto. The ghetto was a walled-off area of the city where Jews were forced to live in squalid conditions. Disease and starvation were rampant, and the Nazis often rounded up Jews and sent them to death camps.

Sendler was horrified by the conditions in the ghetto and the suffering of the children. She decided to do something to help. She joined the Żegota, a

Polish resistance organization that was dedicated to helping Jews. Sendler's job was to smuggle children out of the ghetto and find them safe hiding places.

Sendler was very clever and resourceful. She disguised herself as a nurse or a social worker and used a variety of methods to smuggle children out of the ghetto. Sometimes she would hide them in ambulances or garbage trucks. Other times she would simply walk them out of the ghetto in broad daylight, pretending that they were her own children.

Sendler also created a network of safe houses where the children could be hidden until they could be placed with foster families or orphanages. She worked with a team of other volunteers, including friends, family members, and even strangers who were willing to risk their lives to help the children.

Sendler's work was extremely dangerous. The Nazis knew that she was helping Jews and they were determined to stop her. She was arrested several times and tortured by the Gestapo. But she never gave up. She continued to smuggle children out of the ghetto until the end of the war.

By the end of the war, Sendler had saved over 500 children from the Warsaw Ghetto. Her story is a testament to the power of courage, compassion, and hope. It is a reminder that even in the darkest of times, there are always people who are willing to risk their lives to help others.

Irena Sendler's Legacy

Irena Sendler's story is one that should never be forgotten. She was a true hero who risked her life to save the lives of children. Her legacy is one of courage, compassion, and hope.

In 1965, Sendler was recognized as one of the "Righteous Among the Nations" by the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial in Israel. She was also awarded the Free Download of the White Eagle, Poland's highest civilian honor.

Sendler's story has been told in books, movies, and documentaries. She has become a symbol of hope and inspiration for people all over the world.

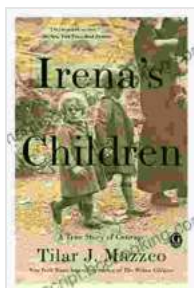
Irena Sendler died in Warsaw in 2008 at the age of 98. She is survived by her daughter, Janina Zgrzemska, and her grandson, Krzysztof Zgrzembki.

The Irena Sendler Foundation

The Irena Sendler Foundation was founded in 2009 to continue Sendler's legacy of helping children. The foundation provides support to children in need around the world, including children who are victims of war, poverty, and disease.

The foundation also works to educate people about Sendler's story and the Holocaust. The foundation believes that it is important to remember the past so that we can prevent future atrocities.

To learn more about Irena Sendler and the Irena Sendler Foundation, visit the website at www.irenasendlerfoundation.org.



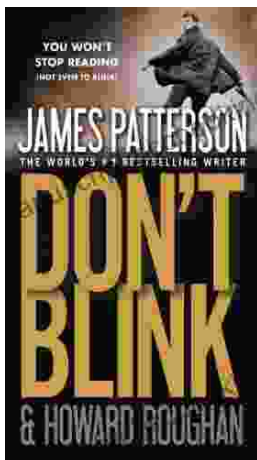
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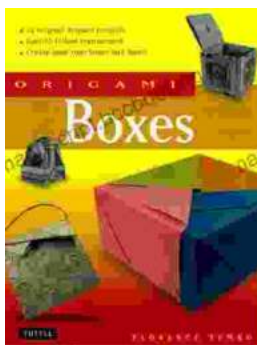
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