

One Family And The Extraordinary Invention Of Chinese America

Imagine a world where Chinese Americans are not just a part of the American tapestry, but have been intricately interwoven into its very fabric since the nation's inception. Where their contributions to building the nation are not merely recognized, but celebrated as a quintessential part of the American story.



The Lucky Ones: One Family and the Extraordinary Invention of Chinese America

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In "One Family And The Extraordinary Invention Of Chinese America," author Bethany Kanter tells the untold story of the Wong family, pioneers of Chinese America, and their remarkable contributions to the United States. Spanning generations and continents, this epic journey is a testament to the resilience and determination of the Chinese American community, and a powerful reminder of the profound impact immigrants have on shaping the nation's identity.

The Wong family story begins in the bustling streets of Guangzhou, China. In the mid-1800s, at the height of the California Gold Rush, a young man named Wong Ming left his homeland to seek his fortune in the New World. Like countless other Chinese immigrants, he faced unimaginable hardships and discrimination. But Ming persevered, working his way up from a railroad laborer to a successful businessman. Along the way, he married, raised a family, and became a pillar of the Chinese American community in San Francisco.

Ming's son, Wong Kim Ark, followed in his father's footsteps, becoming a prominent merchant and political leader. In 1898, he made history by successfully challenging the Chinese Exclusion Act, which sought to bar all Chinese immigrants from becoming American citizens. Ark's victory was a landmark ruling that established the birthright citizenship of all children born in the United States, regardless of their parents' nationality.

Kim Ark's daughter, Wong Sui Ling, dedicated her life to fighting for the rights of Chinese Americans. As a journalist and community leader, she advocated for improved education and housing for Chinese immigrants, and helped to break down the barriers of prejudice and discrimination.

The Wong family's story is not just a story of personal triumph, but a story of collective achievement. Through their hard work, determination, and unwavering belief in the American dream, they helped to shape the nation's history and paved the way for generations of Chinese Americans to come.

"One Family And The Extraordinary Invention Of Chinese America" is a must-read for anyone interested in American history, immigration, and the Chinese American experience. It is a powerful reminder of the resilience

and determination of the Chinese American community, and a testament to the enduring power of the American dream.

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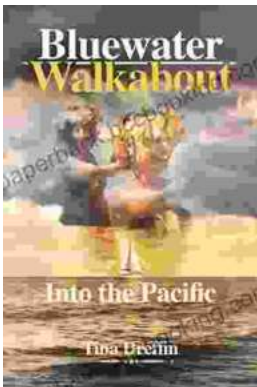
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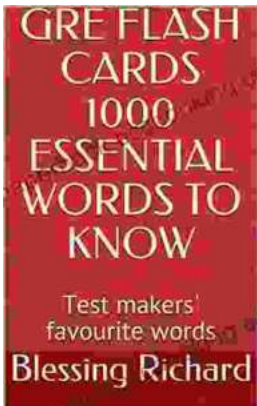
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