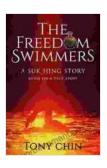
# The Freedom Swimmers: The Epic Journey of Suk Hing

In 1910, a young Chinese woman named Suk Hing arrived at Angel Island, a detention center for Chinese immigrants in San Francisco Bay. Suk Hing had fled her home country in search of a better life, but she was met with prejudice and discrimination at every turn. She was held for months at Angel Island, where she was subjected to harsh conditions and interrogation. But Suk Hing refused to give up hope. She organized a group of fellow detainees and together they made a daring escape by swimming to freedom.



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## **Suk Hing's Early Life**

Suk Hing was born in 1883 in the village of Taishan, in the Guangdong province of China. Her father was a farmer, and her mother was a seamstress. Suk Hing had a happy childhood, but her life changed dramatically when she was 16 years old. Her father died, and her family was forced to sell their land to pay off his debts. Suk Hing was then forced to work as a servant in a wealthy family's home.

In 1904, Suk Hing's mother died, and she was left alone in the world. She decided to leave China and seek a better life in the United States. She traveled to San Francisco, where she hoped to find work and start a new life.

## **Angel Island**

When Suk Hing arrived in San Francisco, she was detained at Angel Island. Angel Island was a detention center for Chinese immigrants, and it was known for its harsh conditions and interrogation. Detainees were often held for months or even years, and they were subjected to physical and psychological abuse.

Suk Hing was held at Angel Island for four months. During that time, she was interrogated by immigration officials and subjected to harsh conditions. But Suk Hing refused to give up hope. She organized a group of fellow detainees and together they planned an escape.

## The Escape

On the night of October 11, 1910, Suk Hing and her fellow detainees made their escape. They swam across the cold waters of San Francisco Bay to

freedom. They were aided by a group of Chinese Americans who provided them with food and clothing.

Suk Hing and her fellow detainees were the first group of Chinese immigrants to successfully escape from Angel Island. Their escape was a major embarrassment to the U.S. government, and it helped to raise awareness of the harsh conditions at the detention center.

#### **Later Life**

After her escape, Suk Hing settled in San Francisco's Chinatown. She worked as a seamstress and became active in the Chinese American community. She helped to found the Chinese American Citizens Alliance, and she fought for the rights of Chinese immigrants.

Suk Hing died in 1963 at the age of 80. She is remembered as a pioneer and a fighter for freedom. Her story is an inspiration to us all.

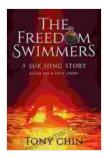
## Legacy

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The Freedom Swimmers have been the subject of numerous books, articles, and documentaries. Their story has been told and retold for generations, and it continues to inspire people all over the world.

The Freedom Swimmers are a reminder of the struggles faced by Chinese immigrants in the early 20th century. They are also a reminder of the power

of hope and determination. The Freedom Swimmers' story is a story that we must never forget.



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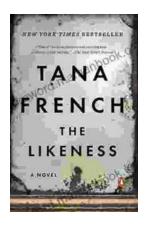
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