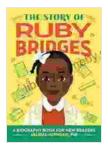
## The Story of Ruby Bridges: An Inspiring Tale of Courage and Resilience

In the annals of the American Civil Rights Movement, few stories resonate as powerfully as that of Ruby Bridges. As a six-year-old girl, she became a symbol of courage and determination, facing down racism and hatred with unwavering resolve.

Born in Tylertown, Mississippi, in 1954, Ruby Bridges' life took an extraordinary turn when, at the age of six, she was selected to be one of six African American students to attend an all-white elementary school in New Orleans. The year was 1960, and the United States was still grappling with the aftermath of the landmark Supreme Court ruling in Brown v. Board of Education, which declared school segregation unconstitutional.



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When Ruby Bridges arrived at William Frantz Elementary School on November 14, 1960, she was met by a furious mob of white protesters. They hurled insults, spat at her, and threatened her with violence. But Ruby, escorted by four U.S. Marshals, remained calm and dignified, her head held high. She entered the school and took her seat in the first grade classroom.

For the next year, Ruby Bridges faced daily harassment and intimidation. Her classmates refused to speak to her, and her teacher, Mrs. Henry, was the only white person in the school who treated her with respect. Despite the adversity, Ruby never faltered. She attended school every day, determined to get an education and prove that African American children were just as capable as white children.

Ruby Bridges' courage and resilience inspired millions of Americans. Her story became a symbol of the struggle for civil rights and helped to pave the way for the desegregation of schools across the country. In 1999, President Bill Clinton awarded Ruby Bridges the Presidential Citizens Medal, the nation's second-highest civilian honor.

Today, Ruby Bridges continues to be an inspiration to people of all ages. She has written several books about her experiences, including her autobiography, "Through My Eyes," and she speaks regularly to schools and community groups about the importance of courage, resilience, and racial equality.

The story of Ruby Bridges is a reminder that even the smallest of us can make a difference in the world. Her courage and determination helped to change the course of history, and her legacy continues to inspire hope and change.

## **Educational Resources**

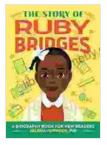
The story of Ruby Bridges is an excellent resource for teaching children about the Civil Rights Movement and the importance of racial equality. Here are some educational resources that can be used in the classroom or at home:

- The Ruby Bridges Foundation
- Ruby Bridges: A History.com Biography
- Lesson Plan: Ruby Bridges
- Through My Eyes by Ruby Bridges
- Ruby Bridges: March for Civil Rights by Robert Coles

The story of Ruby Bridges is a powerful reminder of the progress that has been made in the fight for civil rights, but it also serves as a reminder that there is still much work to be done. Racism and discrimination continue to exist in our society, and we must all work together to create a more just and equitable world.

The legacy of Ruby Bridges is one of hope and inspiration. Her courage and determination helped to change the course of history, and her story continues to inspire people of all ages to stand up for what is right.

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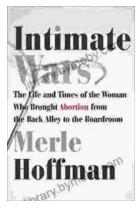
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