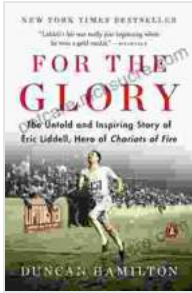


The Untold and Inspiring Story of Eric Liddell: Hero of Chariots of Fire

Early Life and Athletic Prowess



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Eric Henry Liddell was born on January 16, 1902, in Tianjin, China, to Scottish missionary parents. From a tender age, Liddell exhibited exceptional athletic abilities, excelling in both track and field and rugby. His talent and dedication led him to win numerous regional and national competitions in Scotland, where he spent much of his childhood.

Chariots of Fire and the 1924 Olympics



Liddell's athletic feats reached their zenith at the 1924 Summer Olympics in Paris. He became a global icon after winning the gold medal in the 400-meter race, a victory immortalized in the Oscar-winning film *Chariots of Fire*. Liddell's unwavering faith in God and his refusal to compete on a Sunday, the Sabbath, added a profound spiritual dimension to his triumph.

Faith and Missionary Work



Despite his athletic success, Liddell's true calling lay in serving others. After graduating from the University of Edinburgh as a missionary, he returned to China in 1925 to work at the Anglo-Chinese College in Tianjin. Liddell's missionary work involved teaching, coaching, and providing medical care to the local community. He dedicated his life to spreading the Christian message and helping those in need.

World War II and Internment



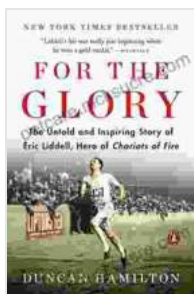
When World War II broke out, Liddell joined the British Army as a chaplain and served in the Far East. In 1943, he was captured by the Japanese and interned in a camp in China. Despite the harsh conditions, Liddell continued to inspire his fellow prisoners with his faith and unwavering spirit. He organized sports activities and educational programs to keep up their morale.

Death and Legacy



Eric Liddell died on February 21, 1945, at the age of 43, from a brain tumor. His body was buried in the Tientsin Cemetery in China, where it remains today. Despite his untimely demise, Liddell's legacy continues to inspire generations. His story is a testament to the power of faith, the importance of service, and the indomitable human spirit.

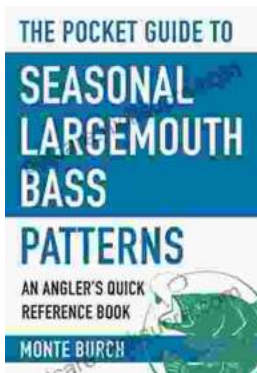
Eric Liddell was more than just a gifted runner. He was a man of deep faith, unwavering conviction, and extraordinary compassion. His life exemplified the values of sportsmanship, service, and humanity. Liddell's legacy continues to resonate today, inspiring countless athletes, humanitarian workers, and people from all walks of life to strive for excellence, pursue their dreams, and make a positive difference in the world.



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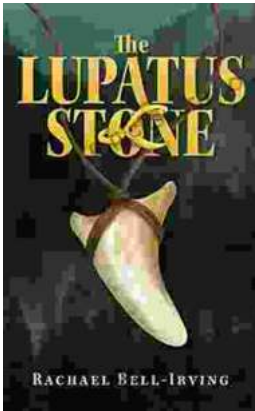
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