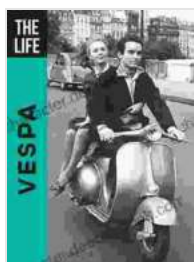


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In 1865, the Civil War ended and slavery was abolished. Vespa was finally free, but she still faced many challenges. She had to find a job, a place to live, and a way to support herself. She eventually found work as a teacher, and she dedicated her life to helping others.

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The Civil War

In 1861, the Civil War began. Vespa and her family were living in Mississippi at the time, and they were caught in the middle of the fighting. Their home was burned down, and they were forced to flee for their lives. They eventually made their way to Union lines, where they were taken in by abolitionists.

Vespa and her family lived in a refugee camp for several years. During that time, she worked as a nurse and a teacher. She also helped to organize schools and churches for other refugees.

Reconstruction

After the Civil War ended in 1865, Vespa and her family moved to Tennessee. There, she continued to work as a teacher and a community activist. She also helped to found the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

Vespa Lorrie Paper was a tireless advocate for civil rights and social justice. She dedicated her life to helping others, and she made a lasting impact on the world.

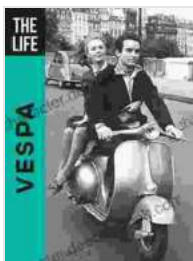
Legacy

Vespa Lorrie Paper died in 1916. She was 80 years old. She is remembered as a courageous and resilient woman who overcame adversity with grace and determination. Her life story is an inspiration to us all.

There are many ways to honor Vespa's legacy. We can learn about her life and her work. We can volunteer our time to help others. We can speak out against injustice. And we can live our lives with courage and resilience.

Additional Resources

- NAACP: Vespa Lorrie Paper
- Black Past: Vesta Lorrie Paper (1836-1916)
- National Women's History Museum: Vesta Lorrie Paper



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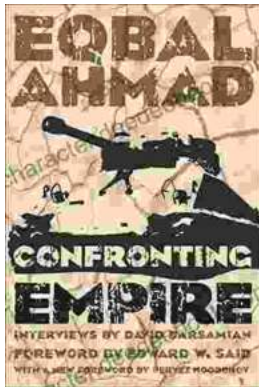
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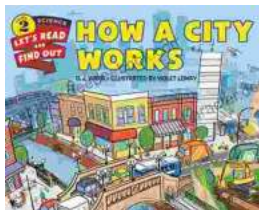
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