

Clare Boothe Luce: A Renaissance Woman of the 20th Century

Clare Boothe Luce was a remarkable woman who defied gender norms and achieved success in a wide range of fields, from journalism to playwriting to diplomacy to politics. She was a true Renaissance woman whose intellect, wit, and determination enabled her to break down barriers and inspire generations of women.

Early Life and Career

Clare Boothe was born in New York City in 1903 to a wealthy family. She attended Miss Spence's School and later Vassar College, where she studied journalism. After graduating from Vassar in 1923, she began her career as a writer for Vanity Fair magazine. Within a few years, she had established herself as one of the most respected and influential journalists in the country.



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In the early 1930s, Boothe began to write plays. Her first play, "The Women," was a huge success on Broadway and was later adapted into a film. The play satirized the lives of wealthy women and explored the themes of marriage, divorce, and female friendship. Boothe's other plays include "Abide with Me," "Margin for Error," and "Kiss the Boys Goodbye." Her plays were known for their wit, social commentary, and strong female characters.

Diplomatic and Political Career

In 1942, Boothe married Henry Luce, the founder of Time magazine. After the war, she was appointed by President Eisenhower as the US ambassador to Italy. She served in this role from 1953 to 1956 and was a highly effective diplomat. Boothe's charm, intelligence, and ability to speak Italian fluently made her a popular figure in Italy.

After her term as ambassador, Boothe returned to the United States and entered politics. She was elected to the US House of Representatives in 1943 and served until 1967. During her time in Congress, she was a staunch anti-communist and a supporter of conservative causes. She was also a vocal critic of the civil rights movement and opposed the Equal Rights Amendment.

Legacy

Clare Boothe Luce was a trailblazing figure who broke down gender barriers and achieved success in a wide range of fields. She was a brilliant writer, a gifted diplomat, and a dedicated politician. Her legacy is one of intelligence, wit, and determination. She inspired generations of women to pursue their dreams and to never give up on their ambitions.

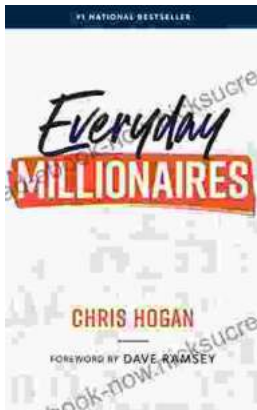
Clare Boothe Luce died in 1987 at the age of 84. She is buried at the Congressional Cemetery in Washington, D.C.



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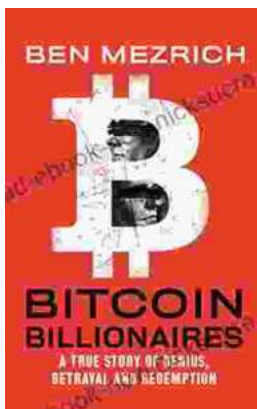
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