Evita Perón: First Lady and Icon of Argentina

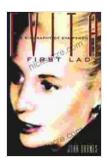


Early Life and Career

María Eva Duarte was born on May 7, 1919, in the small town of Los Toldos, Argentina. Her father was a farmer and her mother was a

seamstress. Duarte had a difficult childhood, and she was often forced to work to help support her family.

In 1934, Duarte moved to Buenos Aires to pursue a career as an actress. She quickly found success, and she soon became one of the most popular actresses in Argentina.



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In 1944, Duarte met Juan Perón, a colonel in the Argentine army. The two fell in love and were married in 1945. Perón was elected president of Argentina in 1946, and Duarte became the first lady.

First Lady of Argentina

As first lady, Duarte played an active role in Argentine politics and society. She was a strong advocate for women's rights and social welfare programs. She also helped to establish the Peronist Party, which became one of the most powerful political parties in Argentina.

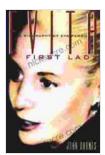
Duarte was a controversial figure. She was often criticized for her lavish lifestyle and her political ambitions. However, she was also admired by many Argentines for her compassion and her dedication to the poor.

Death and Legacy

Duarte died of cancer on July 26, 1952, at the age of 33. Her death was a national tragedy, and she was mourned by millions of Argentines.

Duarte is still considered one of the most important figures in Argentine history. She is remembered as a symbol of hope and change, and her legacy continues to inspire Argentines today.

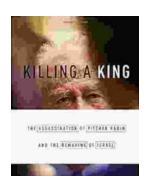
Evita Perón was a complex and fascinating figure. She was a woman of great strength and ambition, and she played a major role in Argentine history. Her legacy continues to be debated today, but there is no doubt that she was one of the most influential figures of the twentieth century.



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