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The Unforgettable Heroism of Ida Lewis

In the annals of maritime history, the name Ida Lewis stands as a beacon of courage and selflessness. Born in 1842 in Newport, Rhode Island, Ida's life took an extraordinary turn when her family became the keepers of Lime Rock Lighthouse, a solitary outpost guarding the treacherous waters at the entrance of Newport Harbor.

From a young age, Ida displayed an unwavering determination and a deep affinity for the sea. She rowed her own boat with skill and fearlessness, navigating the choppy waters with ease. As she grew older, Ida's role as a lighthouse keeper expanded to include assisting vessels in distress, signaling ships, and tending to the needs of the lighthouse.

Rescues That Defied the Odds

It was during this time that Ida's true heroism emerged. In 1854, when she was just 12 years old, Ida rescued a young boy who had fallen overboard from a fishing boat. Despite the strong current and rough seas, Ida fearlessly rowed out to the boy's aid and brought him safely back to shore.

Over the next decades, Ida's reputation as a skilled and fearless rescuer grew. She braved treacherous storms, risked her own life, and saved over 40 people from the icy waters of Newport Harbor. Among her most famous rescues was that of the four seamen from the schooner "Annie" in 1869. The ship had capsized during a fierce gale, and the crew members were clinging to the wreckage. With indomitable spirit, Ida rowed out to the survivors and brought them one by one to safety.

Beyond the Lighthouse

Ida's heroism extended beyond the lighthouse walls. She was a skilled nurse and often ministered to the injured or ill in the community. She also took an active role in advocating for the safety of mariners, speaking out about the need for better rescue equipment and improved navigational aids.

Ida's courage and compassion earned her national recognition. In 1882, the United States Congress awarded her the prestigious Gold Lifesaving

Medal for her "heroic deeds in saving lives from the perils of the sea." She was the first and only woman to receive this honor.

A Lifetime of Service

Ida Lewis continued to serve as the keeper of Lime Rock Lighthouse for over 50 years, until her death in 1911. Her unwavering dedication to her community and her selfless acts of bravery left an indelible mark on history.

In recognition of her extraordinary life, Ida Lewis became a local legend. Her story has been immortalized in books, articles, and even a commemorative stamp. Lime Rock Lighthouse, where she spent so many years guarding the shore, now bears her name, a testament to her enduring legacy.

Discover the Real Ida Lewis

The thrilling novel, "Ida Lewis Guards The Shore," provides an in-depth look into the life of this remarkable woman. Author Deborah Hopkinson meticulously researched Ida's life and weaves together historical facts with vivid storytelling, creating an unforgettable portrait of a true American heroine.

Through the pages of this captivating book, readers will be transported to the 19th-century shores of Newport Harbor. They will witness Ida's daring rescues, her unwavering determination, and her compassionate spirit. "Ida Lewis Guards The Shore" is not just a historical account; it is an inspiring testament to the power of courage, resilience, and selflessness.

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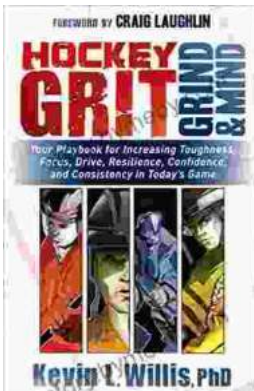
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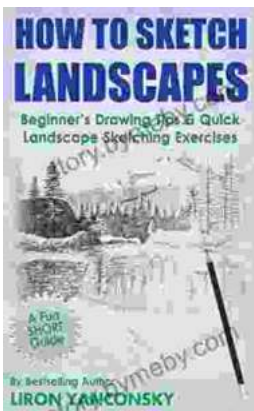
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