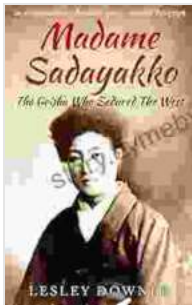


Madame Sadayakko: The Geisha Who Captivated the West

Madame Sadayakko was a geisha who became a global phenomenon, captivating audiences from the West with her beauty and talent. She was the first Japanese woman to perform on Broadway, and her tours of Europe and America caused a sensation. Sadayakko's story is one of triumph and tragedy, and her life provides a fascinating glimpse into the world of geisha and the changing role of women in Japanese society.



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Sadayakko was born in Kyoto in 1871. Her father was a wealthy merchant, and her mother was a geisha. Sadayakko was trained as a geisha from the age of five, and she quickly became one of the most popular geisha in Kyoto.

In 1893, Sadayakko was invited to perform at the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago. She was a huge success, and her performances helped to introduce Japanese culture to the West. After the Exposition, Sadayakko toured Europe and America, performing to sold-out crowds.

Sadayakko's success was not without controversy. Some Japanese traditionalists criticized her for performing on stage, which they considered to be a violation of geisha etiquette. However, Sadayakko's fans defended her, arguing that she was a pioneer who was breaking down barriers between East and West.

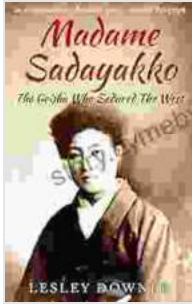
Sadayakko's career was cut short by World War II. She was forced to return to Japan, where she lived in poverty until her death in 1946. Despite her tragic end, Sadayakko's legacy lives on. She is remembered as one of the most talented and influential geisha of all time.

Madame Sadayakko: The Geisha Who Captivated the West is a fascinating biography of this extraordinary woman. The book is based on extensive research, and it provides a detailed portrait of Sadayakko's life and career. The book is also beautifully illustrated with rare photographs and documents.

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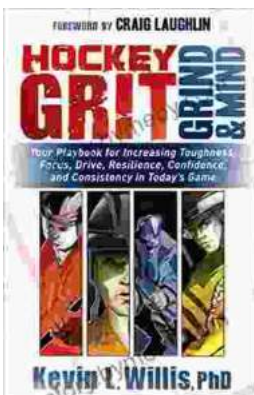
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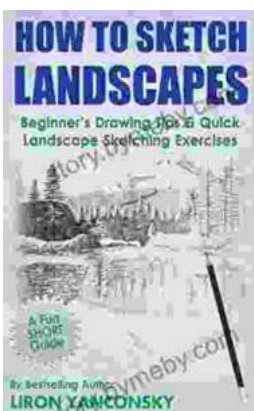
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