# Pearl Buck: A Lifetime of Service in China

Pearl Buck was an American writer who spent most of her life in China. Her novel The Good Earth won the Pulitzer Prize in 1932 and helped to introduce Chinese culture to the West. Buck was also a tireless advocate for social justice and human rights in China.



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## **Early Life and Career**

Pearl Buck was born in Hillsboro, West Virginia, in 1892. Her parents were missionaries who had spent many years in China. Buck grew up in China and was educated at the Shanghai American School. She began writing at a young age and published her first novel, East Wind: West Wind, in 1928.

#### The Good Earth

Buck's most famous novel, The Good Earth, was published in 1931. The novel tells the story of a Chinese peasant family and their struggles to

survive in a harsh and unforgiving land. The novel was a critical and commercial success and won the Pulitzer Prize in 1932.

### **Social Justice and Human Rights**

In addition to her writing, Buck was also a tireless advocate for social justice and human rights in China. She was outspoken in her criticism of the Chinese government's treatment of its people and worked to promote education and healthcare in rural China. Buck also founded the Pearl S. Buck Foundation in 1964 to provide assistance to orphaned and abandoned children in China.

#### Legacy

Pearl Buck died in 1973 at the age of 80. She left behind a legacy of literary and humanitarian work that continues to inspire people around the world. Her novel The Good Earth has been translated into more than 30 languages and has sold more than 100 million copies worldwide. Buck's work has also been adapted into several films and television shows.

Pearl Buck was a remarkable woman who dedicated her life to serving the people of China. Her novel The Good Earth helped to introduce Chinese culture to the West and her work as a social justice advocate helped to improve the lives of countless people in China. Buck's legacy is one of compassion, service, and hope.

#### **Additional Resources**

- Pearl S. Buck International
- Pearl S. Buck I Britannica.com
- The Nobel Prize in Literature 1938.



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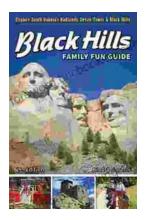
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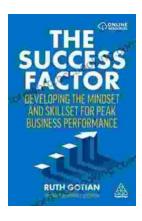
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