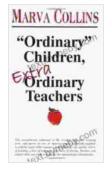
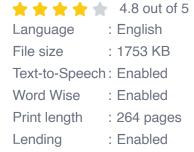
Ordinary Children, Extraordinary Teachers: The Marva Collins Story

Marva Collins was a teacher who dedicated her life to helping underprivileged children succeed. She founded the West Side Preparatory School in Chicago in 1975, and over the next three decades, the school helped thousands of students achieve academic excellence. Collins' methods were unorthodox, and she often clashed with the educational establishment, but her commitment to her students was unwavering.

Collins was born in 1936 in Monroe, Louisiana. She was the youngest of 11 children, and her family was poor. Collins attended segregated schools, and she was often bullied by her white classmates. Despite the challenges she faced, Collins was a bright and determined student. She graduated from high school at the top of her class, and she went on to attend college at Xavier University in New Orleans.



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After graduating from college, Collins returned to her hometown to teach. She taught for several years in public schools, but she became frustrated by the lack of resources and support for her students. In 1975, Collins founded the West Side Preparatory School. The school was located in a poor neighborhood on the West Side of Chicago, and it served primarily African American students.

Collins' methods were unconventional. She believed that all children could learn, regardless of their background. She set high standards for her students, and she expected them to work hard. Collins also used a variety of teaching methods, including music, art, and drama. She believed that learning should be fun and engaging.

The West Side Preparatory School quickly became a success. The school's students consistently outperformed their peers on standardized tests, and they went on to attend top colleges and universities. Collins' methods caught the attention of educators around the country, and she was invited to speak at conferences and workshops.

Collins' success also made her a target for criticism. Some educators accused her of being too strict and of pushing her students too hard. Others said that her methods were not replicable in other schools. Collins never backed down from her critics. She believed that her methods worked, and she was determined to continue helping her students succeed.

In 2009, Collins retired from teaching. She continued to speak out about the importance of education, and she worked with other educators to improve the lives of underprivileged children. Collins died in 2015 at the age of 78. She left behind a legacy of hope and inspiration.

Ordinary Children, Extraordinary Teachers is a powerful and inspiring story about the transformative power of education. It is a story about a teacher who dedicated her life to helping underprivileged children succeed. Collins' story is a reminder that anything is possible with hard work and determination.

Reviews

"Marva Collins was a pioneer in education. She dedicated her life to helping underprivileged children succeed, and she made a profound difference in the lives of her students. Ordinary Children, Extraordinary Teachers is a powerful and inspiring story that should be read by everyone who cares about education." - Barack Obama

"Marva Collins was a true visionary. She saw the potential in every child, and she never gave up on them. Ordinary Children, Extraordinary Teachers is a must-read for anyone who wants to make a difference in the world." -Oprah Winfrey

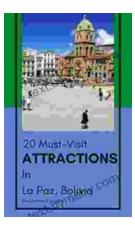
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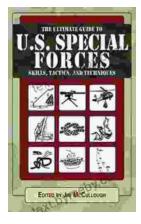
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