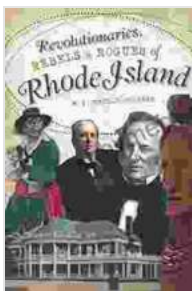


# Revolutionaries, Rebels, and Rogues of Rhode Island: The Wicked History of the Ocean State

From its founding in 1636, Rhode Island has been a haven for free thinkers and rebels. Roger Williams, the colony's founder, was a religious dissenter who was banished from Massachusetts for his beliefs. Rhode Island also became a refuge for pirates and privateers, who preyed on British ships during the American Revolution. And in the 19th century, Rhode Island was a hotbed of abolitionism, with many of the state's most prominent citizens fighting for the end of slavery.



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This book tells the stories of some of the most fascinating and influential characters in Rhode Island history. From Benedict Arnold, the traitor who turned against his own country, to Elizabeth Freeman, the enslaved woman who successfully sued for her freedom, these are the people who shaped the Ocean State's unique history.

## **Chapter 1: Roger Williams and the Founding of Rhode Island**

Roger Williams was a Puritan minister who was banished from Massachusetts for his religious beliefs. He founded Rhode Island in 1636 as a haven for religious freedom. Williams was a radical thinker who believed that individuals should have the right to worship as they pleased, without interference from the government.

Williams's ideas were controversial at the time, but they eventually gained acceptance. Rhode Island became a beacon of religious freedom, and people of all faiths were welcome to live and worship there.

## **Chapter 2: Pirates and Privateers of Rhode Island**

During the American Revolution, Rhode Island was a hotbed of privateering. Privateers were privately owned ships that were commissioned by the government to attack enemy ships. Rhode Island privateers played a major role in the war effort, capturing hundreds of British ships and disrupting British trade.

Some of the most famous Rhode Island privateers included John Paul Jones, who later became a naval hero in the Continental Navy, and Esek Hopkins, who was the first commander-in-chief of the Continental Navy.

## **Chapter 3: The Dorr Rebellion**

In the 1840s, Rhode Island was rocked by the Dorr Rebellion. The rebellion was led by Thomas Dorr, a radical reformer who wanted to expand voting rights to all white males. At the time, only property-owning white males were allowed to vote in Rhode Island.

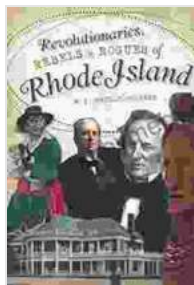
Dorr's rebellion was unsuccessful, but it helped to bring about a number of reforms, including the expansion of voting rights. Rhode Island eventually became the first state to allow all white males to vote.

## Chapter 4: Abolitionism in Rhode Island

Rhode Island was a hotbed of abolitionism in the 19th century. Many of the state's most prominent citizens, including William Ellery Channing and Samuel Slater, were active in the anti-slavery movement.

Rhode Island was also home to a number of African Americans who fought for the end of slavery. Elizabeth Freeman, an enslaved woman who successfully sued for her freedom, is one of the most famous Rhode Island abolitionists.

Rhode Island has a long and fascinating history, filled with revolutionaries, rebels, and rogues. The stories of these individuals are a testament to the state's unique spirit of independence and innovation.



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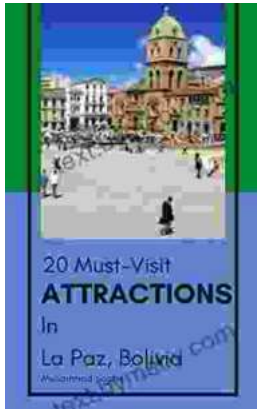
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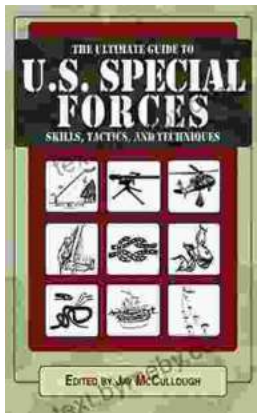
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