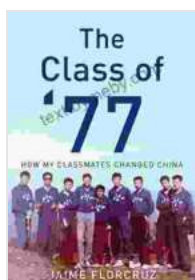


The Class of '77: How My Classmates Changed China

In 1977, China was a country in turmoil. The Cultural Revolution had just ended, and the country was struggling to rebuild. In the midst of this chaos, a group of young people graduated from high school in the city of Nanjing. They were the Class of '77.



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These young people were born during the Cultural Revolution, and they had grown up in a time of great upheaval. They had witnessed the Red Guards ransacking homes and businesses, and they had seen their parents and teachers being persecuted. But they were also full of hope for the future. They believed that they could help to build a better China.

The Class of '77 went on to do great things. They became leaders in business, government, and the arts. They helped to shape the destiny of

China in the years that followed the Cultural Revolution.

Evan Osnos's book, *The Class of '77*, tells the story of these young people. It is a fascinating and inspiring account of how they navigated the tumultuous years of the Cultural Revolution and the subsequent reforms, and how they went on to become leaders in their fields.

The Cultural Revolution

The Cultural Revolution was a period of great upheaval in China. It began in 1966, when Mao Zedong, the leader of the Chinese Communist Party, launched a campaign to purge the country of "counter-revolutionaries." The Red Guards, a group of young people who were loyal to Mao, carried out the campaign. They ransacked homes and businesses, and they persecuted anyone who they suspected of being a counter-revolutionary.

The Cultural Revolution had a devastating impact on China. It caused widespread chaos and violence, and it led to the deaths of millions of people. However, it also had a profound impact on the Class of '77. These young people grew up during the Cultural Revolution, and they witnessed the horrors of the campaign firsthand. They were determined to build a better future for China, and they believed that they could learn from the mistakes of the past.

The Reforms

After the Cultural Revolution, China began to implement a series of economic reforms. These reforms were designed to open up the country to the outside world and to boost economic growth. The reforms were successful, and China's economy began to grow rapidly. As the economy grew, so too did the opportunities for the Class of '77. These young people

were now able to pursue their dreams and to make a difference in the world.

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The Leaders

Some of the most notable members of the Class of '77 include:

- Xi Jinping: The current President of China
- Jack Ma: The founder of Alibaba, one of the world's largest e-commerce companies
- Zhang Yimou: A renowned film director
- Gao Xiaosong: A popular singer and songwriter

These are just a few of the many members of the Class of '77 who have made a significant contribution to China. These young people have helped to shape the destiny of their country, and they continue to inspire people around the world.

The Class of '77 is a fascinating and inspiring story. It is a story of hope, resilience, and achievement. It is a story that shows how a group of young people can make a difference in the world.

If you are interested in learning more about the Class of '77, I encourage you to read Evan Osnos's book. It is a well-written and informative account of this remarkable group of people.



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