

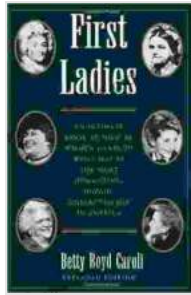
Betty Boyd Caroli: A Trailblazing First Lady with a Love for the Arts and Social Justice

Early Life and Education



First Ladies by Betty Boyd Caroli

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Betty Boyd was born on August 16, 1921, in Alma, Arkansas. Her childhood was marked by humble beginnings, but she harbored a deep love for learning and the arts. After graduating high school, she pursued a degree in education at the College of the Ozarks.

Marriage to Pat Brown

In 1943, Betty Boyd met Edmund Gerald "Pat" Brown, a young lawyer from San Francisco. They fell deeply in love and married in 1949. Pat Brown's successful political career led to his election as Governor of California in 1958.

First Lady of California

As First Lady of California, Betty Boyd Caroli embraced her role with passion and grace. She was a tireless advocate for the arts, supporting the construction of museums, theaters, and music halls across the state. She established the California Arts Commission, providing grants and resources to artists and arts organizations.

Education Reformer

Beyond the arts, Betty Boyd Caroli was also deeply committed to education. She served on the board of trustees for both the University of California and the California State University system. She spearheaded initiatives to improve access to higher education, particularly for students from underrepresented backgrounds.

Social Activist

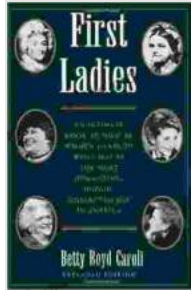
Together with her husband, Betty Boyd Caroli actively supported the Civil Rights Movement. She marched alongside Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. and worked to desegregate schools and businesses. Her unwavering dedication to social justice left a lasting impact on California.

Philanthropy and Legacy

After Pat Brown's term as Governor ended, Betty Boyd Caroli continued her philanthropic endeavors. She established the Betty Boyd Caroli Fund for Women and Girls, which supported programs for underprivileged women. She also donated generously to educational institutions and arts organizations.

Betty Boyd Caroli passed away on January 19, 2019, at the age of 97. Her legacy as a trailblazing First Lady and a tireless advocate for the arts and social justice will continue to inspire generations to come.

Betty Boyd Caroli was more than just a First Lady; she was a visionary leader who left an indelible mark on California's cultural and social landscape. Through her unwavering dedication to the arts, education, and social justice, she empowered countless individuals and paved the way for a more just and equitable society. Her legacy will forever serve as a testament to the transformative power of a single life.



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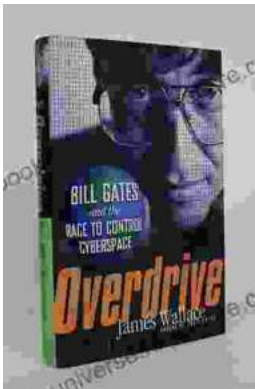
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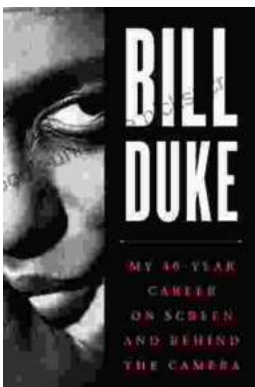
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