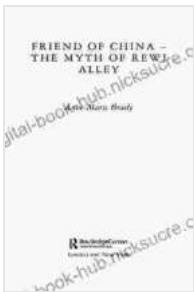


Friend of China: The Myth of Rewi Alley and Chinese Worlds

Rewi Alley was a New Zealand-born writer, activist, and educator who spent most of his life in China. He was a close friend of Mao Zedong and other Chinese leaders, and he played a significant role in the development of Chinese communism. However, Alley's legacy is complex and contested. Some see him as a hero who helped to liberate China from imperialism, while others view him as a ruthless Stalinist who supported the Chinese Communist Party's violent campaigns against its enemies.



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Alley was born in Christchurch, New Zealand, in 1897. He grew up in a working-class family, and he left school at the age of 14 to work as a carpenter. In 1919, he emigrated to Australia, where he worked as a journalist and labor organizer. In 1927, he traveled to China, where he became involved in the Chinese Communist Party.

Alley quickly rose through the ranks of the CCP, and he soon became a close friend of Mao Zedong. In 1937, he founded the Gung Ho Cooperative Movement, which established a network of industrial cooperatives in rural China. These cooperatives played a significant role in the CCP's efforts to consolidate its power in the countryside.

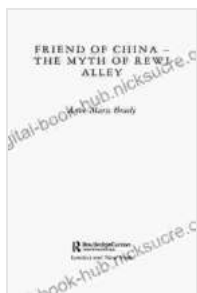
During the Second World War, Alley served as a liaison between the CCP and the Allied forces. He also helped to organize Chinese resistance to the Japanese invasion. After the war, he returned to New Zealand, where he wrote extensively about his experiences in China. He also helped to establish the New Zealand-China Friendship Society.

In 1957, Alley returned to China, where he lived until his death in 1987. During this time, he continued to write and promote the CCP. He also helped to establish the Rewi Alley School, which provided education to Chinese children from poor families.

Alley's legacy is complex and contested. Some see him as a hero who helped to liberate China from imperialism. They point to his work with the Gung Ho Cooperative Movement and his support for Chinese resistance to the Japanese invasion. Others view Alley as a ruthless Stalinist who supported the CCP's violent campaigns against its enemies. They point to his support for the Great Leap Forward and the Cultural Revolution.

The truth about Rewi Alley lies somewhere between these two extremes. He was a complex and contradictory figure who played a significant role in the development of Chinese communism. His legacy is still being debated today.

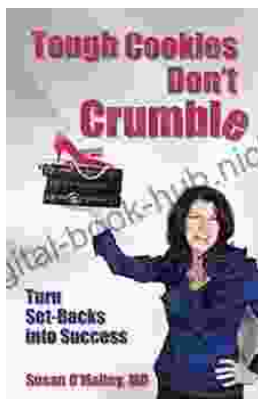
Rewi Alley was a fascinating and complex figure who played a significant role in the development of Chinese communism. His legacy is still being debated today, but there is no doubt that he was a man of great passion and commitment. He believed in the power of the Chinese people to build a better future, and he dedicated his life to helping them achieve their goals.



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