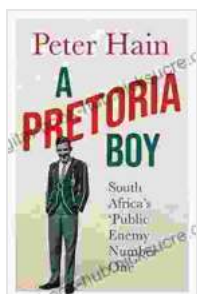


The Notorious Life and Times of James Gregory, South Africa's Public Enemy Number One

James Gregory was a notorious criminal who terrorized South Africa in the 1960s. He was a master of disguise, a skilled getaway driver, and a ruthless killer. His reign of terror lasted for over a decade, and he was responsible for dozens of murders, robberies, kidnappings, and extortions. He was finally arrested in 1975 and sentenced to death. He was executed in 1979.



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Early Life

James Gregory was born in Cape Town, South Africa, in 1938. His father was a white South African, and his mother was a black African. Gregory grew up in a poor and crime-ridden neighborhood. He was often bullied and

abused by other children. He dropped out of school at a young age and began working as a petty criminal.

In 1959, Gregory was arrested for his first major crime, a robbery. He was sentenced to three years in prison. After his release from prison, Gregory quickly returned to a life of crime. He became involved in a gang of armed robbers, and he quickly rose through the ranks. By the early 1960s, he was one of the most wanted criminals in South Africa.

Reign of Terror

In 1963, Gregory led a gang of robbers in a daring daylight robbery of a bank in Johannesburg. The robbery was a success, and Gregory and his gang escaped with a large amount of money. The robbery made Gregory a national celebrity, and he was soon dubbed "Public Enemy Number One" by the South African press.

Gregory's reign of terror lasted for over a decade. He and his gang robbed banks, armored cars, and jewelry stores. They kidnapped wealthy businessmen and extorted large sums of money from their families. They also murdered anyone who stood in their way, including police officers and innocent civilians.

Gregory was a master of disguise, and he was able to evade capture for years. He often dressed as a woman or a priest, and he would sometimes wear a false mustache or beard. He also had a network of safe houses and hideouts, and he was always one step ahead of the police.

Downfall

In 1975, Gregory was finally arrested after a shootout with the police. He was sentenced to death, and he was executed in 1979. His death marked the end of an era of violence and terror in South Africa.

Legacy

James Gregory is still remembered as one of the most notorious criminals in South African history. His life of crime is a cautionary tale about the dangers of poverty, abuse, and neglect. It is also a reminder of the dark underbelly of South Africa's past.

- **Image of James Gregory**
- **Image of James Gregory's gang**
- **Image of the bank robbery in Johannesburg**
- **Image of Gregory's arrest**
- **Image of Gregory's execution**

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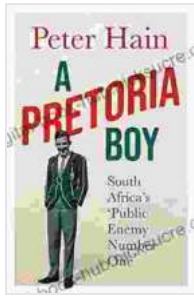
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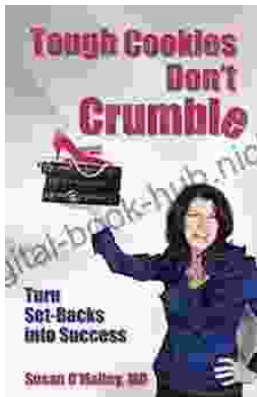
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