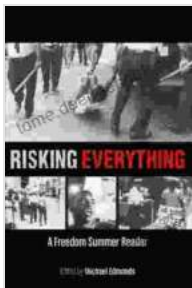


Risking Everything: Freedom Summer, a Turning Point in the Civil Rights Movement

In the summer of 1964, hundreds of college students from across the country traveled to Mississippi to register African Americans to vote and challenge the Jim Crow laws that had kept black people from exercising their constitutional rights for decades. It was a dangerous and often violent undertaking, but it was also a pivotal moment in the Civil Rights Movement.



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The Freedom Summer project was organized by the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), which had been at the forefront of the Civil Rights Movement since its founding in 1960. SNCC's goal was to challenge the white supremacist power structure in Mississippi, which had used violence, intimidation, and economic coercion to keep African Americans from voting and participating in other aspects of American life.

The Freedom Summer volunteers, who came to be known as "Freedom Riders," faced a hostile reception from white Mississippians. They were beaten, arrested, and even murdered. But they also inspired a new generation of activists and helped to raise awareness of the brutality of Jim Crow.

The Freedom Summer project was a success in many ways. It helped to register thousands of African Americans to vote, and it led to the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, which outlawed racial discrimination in voting. It also helped to organize the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party, which challenged the all-white Mississippi Democratic Party.

The Freedom Summer project was a risky undertaking, but it was also a turning point in the Civil Rights Movement. It helped to break down the barriers of segregation and discrimination, and it inspired a new generation of activists to fight for justice.

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The Freedom Summer volunteers risked their lives to fight for the rights of African Americans. Their courage and dedication helped to change the course of history, and their legacy continues to inspire us today.



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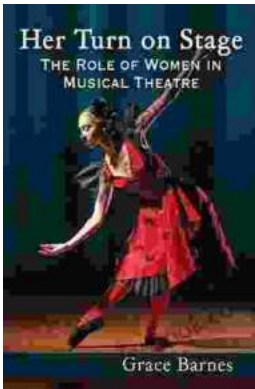
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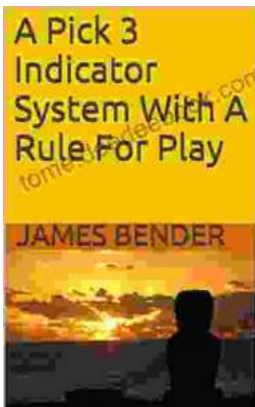
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