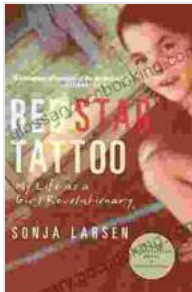


# My Life As a Girl Revolutionary: A Memoir of Hope and Resilience



## Red Star Tattoo: My Life as a Girl Revolutionary

by Sonja Larsen

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In her powerful and inspiring memoir, *My Life As a Girl Revolutionary*, author and activist Yuri Kochiyama shares the story of her journey from poverty and abuse to becoming a leader in the fight for social justice.

Kochiyama was born in 1921 in San Pedro, California, to Japanese immigrant parents. Her father was a fisherman, and her mother worked as a seamstress. The family was poor, and Kochiyama often went hungry. She was also subjected to physical and emotional abuse by her father.

Despite the challenges she faced, Kochiyama never lost her spirit. She was a bright and curious child, and she loved to learn. She was also a natural leader, and she always stood up for what she believed in.

In 1942, when Kochiyama was 21 years old, the United States entered World War II. The Japanese government forced all Japanese Americans to be interned in concentration camps. Kochiyama and her family were sent to the Manzanar camp in California.

Life in the camp was harsh. The barracks were overcrowded and unsanitary. The food was meager and often spoiled. Kochiyama and the other internees were treated like prisoners. But even in the face of such adversity, Kochiyama never gave up hope.

She organized protests and demonstrations against the government's internment policy. She wrote letters to newspapers and members of Congress. She spoke out against the racism and discrimination that Japanese Americans faced.

Kochiyama's activism continued after the war. She fought for civil rights, women's rights, and peace. She was a close friend and supporter of Malcolm X and Martin Luther King, Jr.

In 1983, Kochiyama's daughter, Aiko, was killed by a police officer. Kochiyama's grief was immeasurable, but she refused to let it destroy her. She channeled her anger and sorrow into her activism.

Kochiyama continued to fight for justice until her death in 2014. She was a tireless advocate for the poor, the oppressed, and the voiceless. She was a true revolutionary, and her legacy will continue to inspire generations to come.

*My Life As a Girl Revolutionary* is a powerful and inspiring story of hope and resilience. It is a must-read for anyone who is interested in social

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"*My Life As a Girl Revolutionary* is a powerful and moving memoir. Yuri Kochiyama was a remarkable woman who dedicated her life to fighting for justice. Her story is an inspiration to us all." -

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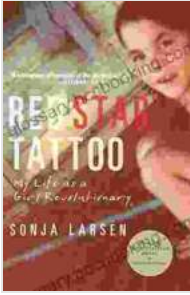
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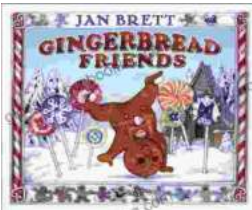
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