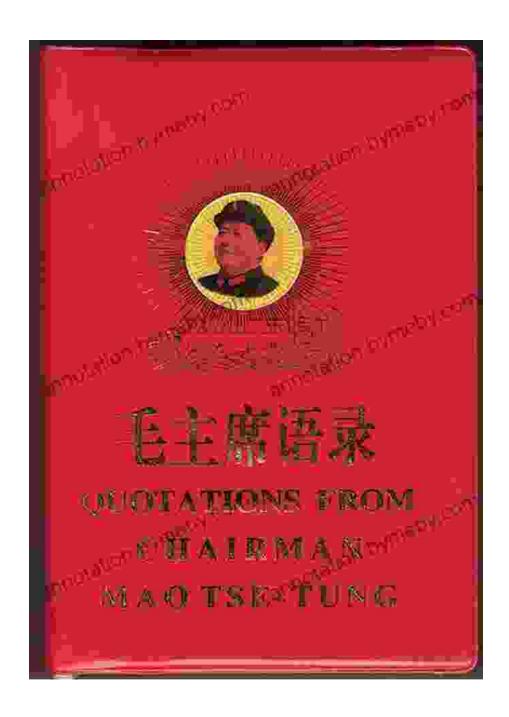
# Personal Life Story Tells the Vivid History of Mao China



FATHER, SON & VIOLIN: A Personal Life Story Tells the Vivid History of Mao's China. by Diana Burbano

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In the annals of history, few figures loom as large or as controversial as Mao Zedong. The founder of the People's Republic of China, Mao led the country through a period of profound transformation, from the overthrow of the Qing dynasty to the establishment of a communist state. His policies and ideologies shaped the lives of hundreds of millions of Chinese people, both during his lifetime and beyond.

Against this backdrop of sweeping historical events, the memoir of Wang Zhen offers a unique and personal perspective on life in Mao's China. Born in 1938, Wang grew up in a rural village during the tumultuous years of the Cultural Revolution. His story is a vivid account of the hardships, injustices, and resilience that characterized this period.

Wang's father was a high-ranking official in the Communist Party, but his family was not immune to the excesses of the Cultural Revolution. Wang himself was denounced as a "counter-revolutionary" and sent to a labor camp at the age of 16. For the next decade, he endured unimaginable hardships, including physical torture and psychological abuse.

Despite the horrors he experienced, Wang never lost his faith in the ideals of communism. He believed that the Chinese people deserved a better

future, and he dedicated his life to working towards that goal. After his release from prison, Wang became a successful businessman and philanthropist. He has also written extensively about his experiences, providing a valuable firsthand account of one of the darkest chapters in Chinese history.

Wang's memoir is not just a personal story. It is also a valuable historical document that sheds light on the complexities of Mao's China. Wang's experiences provide a rare glimpse into the everyday lives of Chinese people during this tumultuous period, and his insights into Mao's policies and ideologies are invaluable.

For anyone interested in Chinese history, the Cultural Revolution, or the life of Mao Zedong, Wang's memoir is an essential read. It is a powerful and moving account of one man's journey through one of the most tumultuous periods in modern history.

#### **Excerpt from Wang's Memoir**

"I was born into a world of revolution. The Chinese Communist Party had just come to power, and the country was in the throes of a profound transformation. My father was a high-ranking official in the Party, and our family was privileged to witness firsthand the great changes that were taking place.

But the revolution also brought with it hardship and violence. The Cultural Revolution, launched by Mao Zedong in 1966, was a particularly tumultuous time. People were denounced as 'counter-revolutionaries' and sent to labor camps. My father was one of those who were purged, and our family was forced to live in hiding.

I was just 16 years old when I was sent to a labor camp. I was accused of being a 'counter-revolutionary' because my father had been purged. For the next decade, I endured unimaginable hardships. I was beaten, tortured, and humiliated. But I never lost my faith in the ideals of communism. I believed that the Chinese people deserved a better future, and I dedicated my life to working towards that goal.

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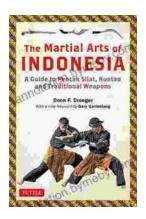
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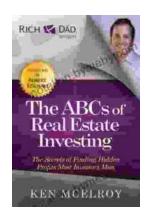
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