

The Winter Hero: James Lincoln Collier, the Man Who Saved Countless Lives During the Great Blizzard of 1888



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The Great Blizzard of 1888 was one of the most devastating storms in American history. It paralyzed the city of New York for days, leaving hundreds dead and thousands injured. In the midst of this chaos, one man emerged as a beacon of hope and resilience: James Lincoln Collier, a postal worker who risked his life to deliver mail and save stranded people.

Collier was born in New York City in 1853. He began working for the Post Office in 1875, and by 1888 he was a carrier in the Stuyvesant Square station.

On March 11, 1888, the blizzard hit New York City with full force. The wind howled, the snow fell in sheets, and the temperature plummeted. The city

was quickly paralyzed, and people were stranded in their homes and businesses.

Collier, however, was determined to deliver the mail. He knew that people were counting on him for news and supplies, and he was not going to let them down.

Collier bundled up in his warmest clothes and set out on his route. The snow was so deep that he had to wade through it, and the wind was so strong that it nearly knocked him off his feet. But Collier persevered, and he eventually reached his first house.

The people who lived in the house were overjoyed to see him. They had been snowed in for days, and they were running out of food and water. Collier gave them the mail, and he also gave them some of his own food and water.

Collier continued on his route, stopping at every house to deliver the mail and check on the people who lived there. He found many people who were sick or injured, and he helped them get to safety.

At one house, Collier found a woman who was in labor. He stayed with her until the baby was born, and he helped to deliver the baby.

Collier's heroic efforts continued for days. He worked tirelessly to deliver the mail and to help people in need. He became a symbol of hope and resilience in the face of adversity.

On March 14, the blizzard finally ended. The city began to dig out, and people started to return to their normal lives.

Collier was hailed as a hero for his bravery and compassion. He was awarded the Carnegie Medal, which is given to people who risk their lives to save others.

Collier continued to work for the Post Office for many years. He retired in 1914, and he died in 1938 at the age of 85.

James Lincoln Collier was a true hero. He risked his life to save others, and he became a symbol of hope and resilience in the face of adversity. His story is one that should be told and remembered for generations to come.



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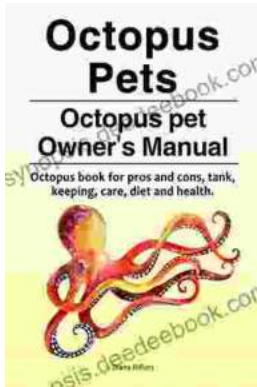
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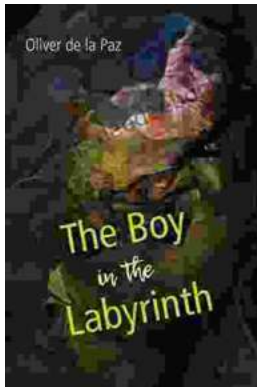
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