

Women of Westminster: The MPs Who Changed Politics

The role of women in politics has changed dramatically over the centuries. In the early days, women were largely excluded from the political process. They were not allowed to vote, hold office, or even own property. However, over time, women have gradually gained more rights and opportunities in the political sphere.

One of the most significant milestones in the history of women's political participation was the passage of the Representation of the People Act in 1918, which granted women over the age of 30 the right to vote. This act was a major turning point, and it paved the way for women to play a more active role in politics.



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Since then, women have made significant progress in politics. In 1929, Nancy Astor became the first woman to take her seat in the House of Commons. Since then, there have been many other women who have made their mark on British politics, including Margaret Thatcher, who served as Prime Minister from 1979 to 1990.

Today, women are well-represented in Westminster. Over 200 women currently serve as MPs, and they represent a wide range of political parties and constituencies.

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Some of the most notable women who have served as MPs include:

- Nancy Astor (1919-1945): The first woman to take her seat in the House of Commons.
- Margaret Thatcher (1979-1990): The first woman to serve as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.
- Theresa May (2016-2019): The second woman to serve as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.
- Diane Abbott (1987-present): The first black woman to serve as an MP.
- Yasmin Qureshi (2010-present): The first Muslim woman to serve as an MP.

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Nancy Astor, the first woman to take her seat in the House of Commons



Margaret Thatcher, the first woman to serve as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom



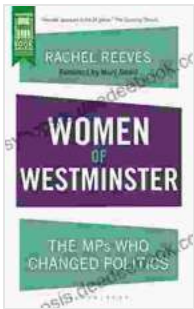
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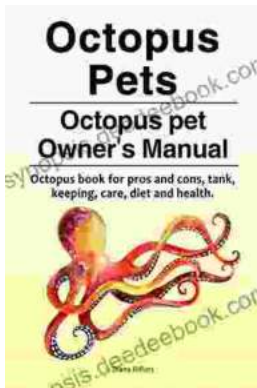
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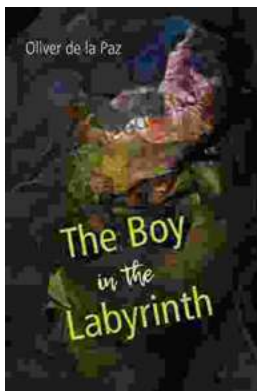
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