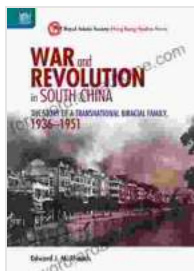


The Story of a Transnational Biracial Family: The Royal Asiatic Society Hong Kong 1936-1951

Unveiling a Hidden Chapter of History

In the bustling heart of colonial Hong Kong, amidst the towering skyscrapers and vibrant streets, there unfolded a captivating tale of a transnational biracial family. Their story, meticulously preserved in the archives of the Royal Asiatic Society Hong Kong (RASHK), offers a rare glimpse into the complexities of cultural identity, family bonds, and the resilience of the human spirit.

The family's patriarch was a prominent British engineer, Arthur William Charles Zimmerman, who embarked on an adventure to the Far East in 1936. Fate brought him to Hong Kong, where he met and fell deeply in love with a young Chinese woman, Wong Shee. Their love transcended cultural divides, and they embarked on a life together, navigating the challenges and prejudices of a society grappling with colonial rule and racial segregation.



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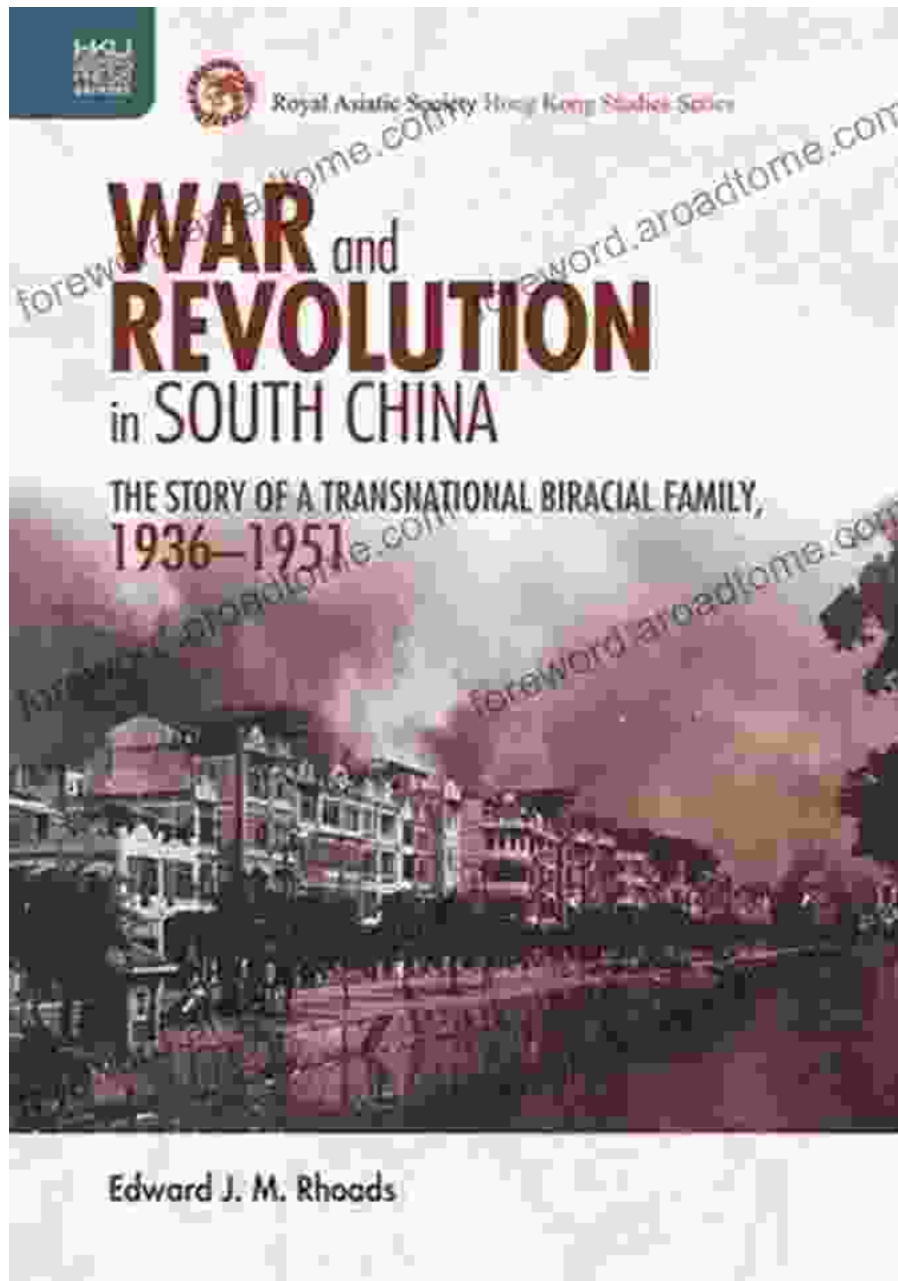
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A Family United by Love, Divided by Society

Arthur and Wong Shee welcomed five children into the world: Arthur Jr., Walter, David, Marjorie, and Clifford. The children grew up in a loving and supportive home, where they embraced their unique heritage. They attended both Chinese and English schools, absorbing the customs and traditions of both cultures. However, outside the walls of their home, they faced the harsh realities of racial prejudice.

Colonial Hong Kong was a society deeply stratified along racial lines. The British held the highest social status, followed by the Chinese, with Eurasians (individuals of mixed European and Asian ancestry) occupying a precarious position in between. The Zimmerman children often found themselves caught in a no-man's land, neither fully accepted by the British nor the Chinese communities.



The Zimmerman children: Arthur Jr., Walter, David, Marjorie, and Clifford.

Navigating the Challenges of Biracial Identity

Growing up in a biracial family presented unique challenges for the Zimmerman children. They had to navigate the expectations and prejudices of both worlds, often feeling torn between their two cultures. They learned

to adapt and code-switch, becoming fluent in both English and Chinese and embracing the nuances of both traditions.

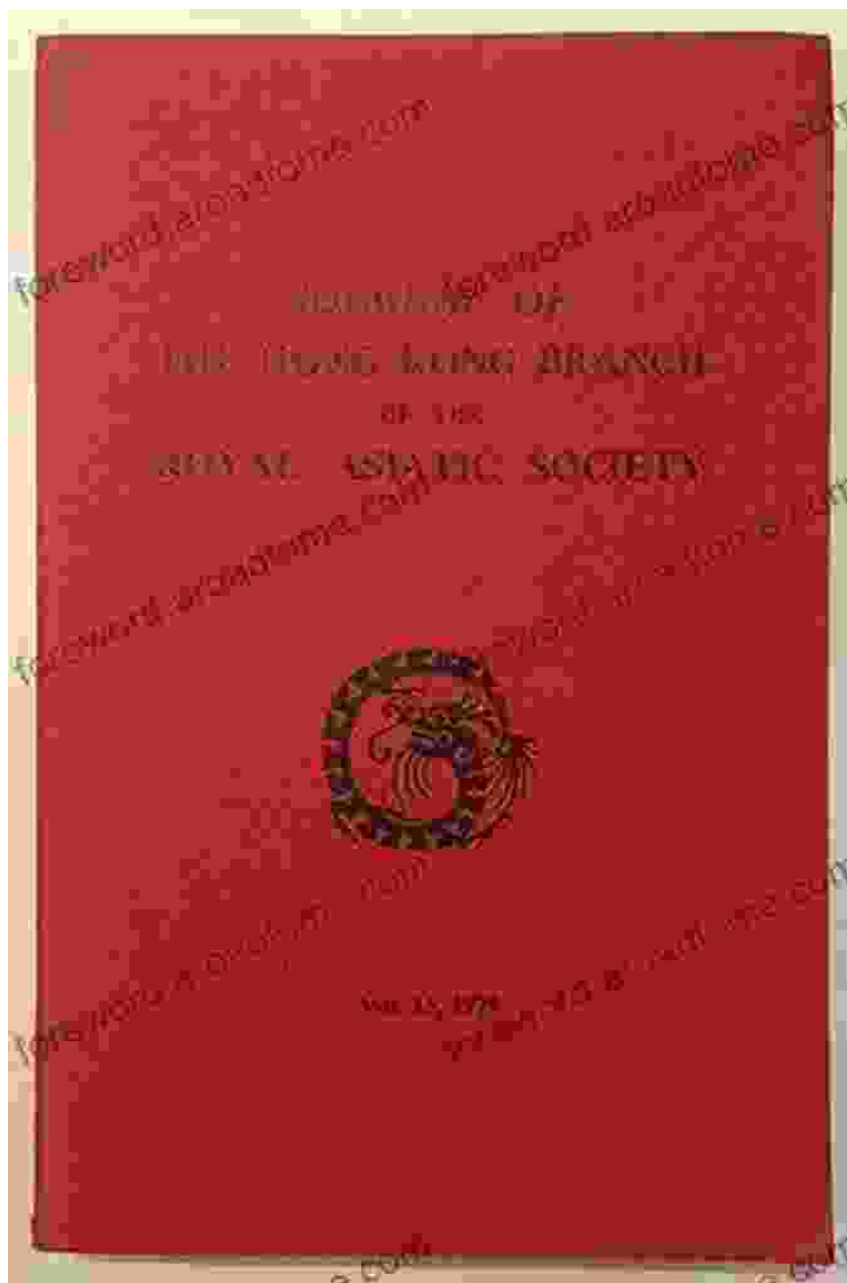
Despite the challenges they faced, the Zimmerman children remained close, finding strength and support in their shared experiences. They developed a strong sense of self-identity, embracing both their British and Chinese heritage as inseparable parts of who they were.



Preserving a Legacy: The Royal Asiatic Society Hong Kong Archives

The remarkable story of the Zimmerman family has been meticulously preserved in the archives of the Royal Asiatic Society Hong Kong. Founded in 1847, the RASHK is one of the oldest learned societies in Asia, dedicated to the study of the region's history, culture, and environment.

Over the years, the Zimmerman family donated a wealth of documents, photographs, and artifacts to the RASHK archives. These precious materials provide an invaluable lens into their lives, capturing their joys, triumphs, and struggles. Through these archives, future generations can learn about the complexities of transnational biracial families and the resilience of the human spirit.



The Royal Asiatic Society Hong Kong archives, where the Zimmerman family's story is preserved.

A Testament to the Power of Family and Resilience

The story of the Zimmerman family is a testament to the enduring power of love, family bonds, and resilience. Despite the challenges they faced, they remained united, embracing their unique heritage and navigating the complexities of a changing world.

Their legacy serves as an inspiration to us all, reminding us that our differences can be our strengths and that in the face of adversity, love and family will always prevail. The RASHK archives stand as a poignant reminder of their journey, preserving their story for generations to come.

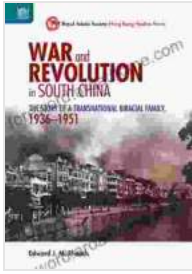
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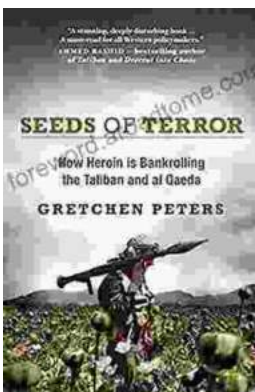
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