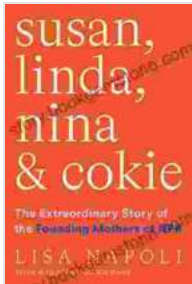


The Extraordinary Story of the Founding Mothers of NPR



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The year is 1970. The United States is in the midst of a social and political upheaval. The Vietnam War is raging, the civil rights movement is gaining momentum, and the women's movement is beginning to make its voice heard.

In this tumultuous time, a group of women came together with a vision for a new kind of radio network. They wanted to create a network that would be independent, non-commercial, and dedicated to quality journalism. They believed that such a network could play a vital role in informing the public and fostering a more informed and engaged citizenry.

These women were the founding mothers of NPR. They were a diverse group of women, with different backgrounds and experiences. But they all

shared a common passion for radio and a belief in the power of journalism. They included:

* **Betty Ann Bowser:** A former schoolteacher and social worker, Bowser was the first president of NPR. She was a tireless advocate for public radio, and she played a key role in securing funding for the new network. *

Linda Wertheimer: A former reporter for the Washington Post, Wertheimer was NPR's first news director. She was responsible for setting the high standards of journalism that NPR is known for today. * **Susan

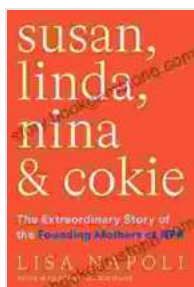
Stamberg:** A former reporter for CBS News, Stamberg was NPR's first host of the popular news program All Things Considered. She was known for her warm and engaging style, and she helped to make NPR a

household name. * **Nina Totenberg:** A former reporter for the New York Times, Totenberg is NPR's legal affairs correspondent. She is one of the most respected journalists in the country, and she has broken many important stories.

The founding mothers of NPR faced many challenges in their quest to create a new radio network. They had to overcome financial hurdles, political opposition, and skepticism from the public. But they never gave up on their dream. They worked tirelessly to build a network that would be true to their vision. And in 1971, NPR was born.

NPR has gone on to become one of the most trusted and respected news organizations in the country. It is a vital source of information for millions of Americans, and it has played a major role in shaping the national conversation. The founding mothers of NPR left a lasting legacy, and their work continues to inspire and inform us today.

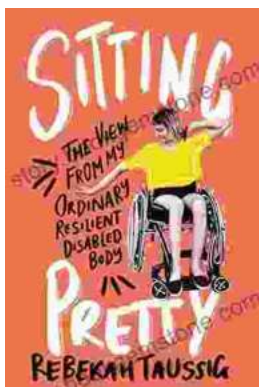
The story of the founding mothers of NPR is a testament to the power of determination, collaboration, and the belief that anything is possible. These women faced many challenges in their quest to create a new radio network, but they never gave up on their dream. Their work has had a profound impact on the American public, and their legacy will continue to inspire and inform us for generations to come.



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