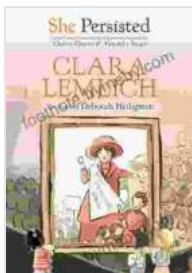


# She Persisted: Clara Lemlich, the Labor Leader Who Changed History



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## **A Labor Leader for the Ages**

Clara Lemlich was a firebrand of the labor movement, a fearless advocate for the rights of working women. Her story is one of courage, determination, and unwavering belief in the power of collective action.

She was born in 1886 in Gorodok, Ukraine, and immigrated to the United States with her family in 1903. She began working in the garment industry at the age of 14, and quickly became aware of the harsh conditions and low wages that were commonplace in the industry.

In 1909, Lemlich was elected to the executive board of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union (ILGWU). She quickly rose through the ranks, becoming a leading voice for the union's efforts to organize garment workers and improve their working conditions.

### **The Uprising of the 20,000**

In 1909, Lemlich helped to organize the "Uprising of the 20,000," a massive strike of garment workers in New York City. The strike was sparked by the tragic Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire, which killed 146 workers, mostly young women.

Lemlich was one of the most vocal leaders of the strike, and her speeches helped to galvanize the workers and keep them united in their demands for better working conditions. The strike was ultimately successful, and it led to significant improvements in the garment industry.

### **A Legacy of Leadership**

Clara Lemlich's legacy as a labor leader is immense. She was a pioneer in the fight for workers' rights, and her tireless efforts helped to improve the lives of countless working women.

She was a strong advocate for women's rights, and she believed that women should have the same opportunities as men. She was also a strong

believer in the power of education, and she helped to establish the Clara Lemlich School of Nursing at Beth Israel Medical Center in New York City.

Clara Lemlich died in 1982, but her legacy continues to inspire activists and labor leaders today. She is remembered as a fearless advocate for justice, and her story is a reminder that one person can make a difference.

## **She Persisted: Clara Lemlich**

*She Persisted: Clara Lemlich* is a captivating biography that illuminates the challenges and triumphs of a remarkable woman who changed the course of history. Deborah Heiligman's vivid writing brings Clara Lemlich to life, and her story is sure to inspire readers of all ages.

This book is a must-read for anyone interested in labor history, women's history, or the history of social justice movements. It is also a great book for young people, as it shows how one person can make a difference in the world.

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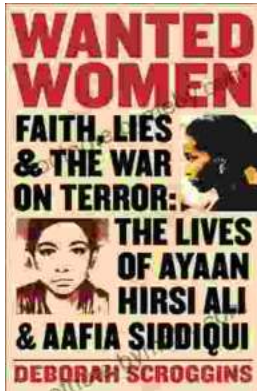


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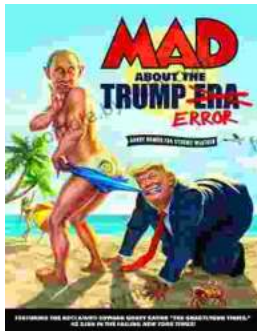
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