

One Million Trees: A True Story of Inspired Environmentalism

In 2017, Wangari Muta Maathai, the founder of the Green Belt Movement, was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for her tireless efforts to plant trees and empower women in Kenya. Her story is an inspiration to us all, and it shows us that even the smallest actions can make a big difference.

Maathai was born in 1940 in Nyeri, Kenya. She was the daughter of a farmer and a teacher, and she grew up in a rural village. As a child, she loved to play in the forest, and she was always fascinated by the trees. She would often ask her father questions about the trees, and he would tell her about their importance.



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In 1968, Maathai left Kenya to study in the United States. She earned a degree in biology from Mount St. Scholastica College in Kansas and a master's degree in forest resources from the University of Pittsburgh. After graduating, she returned to Kenya and began working as a research assistant at the University of Nairobi.

In the early 1970s, Maathai began to notice that the forests in Kenya were being destroyed at an alarming rate. The government was cutting down trees to make way for development, and farmers were clearing trees to plant crops. Maathai was concerned about the impact that deforestation was having on the environment, and she realized that she had to do something to stop it.

In 1977, Maathai founded the Green Belt Movement. The movement's mission was to plant trees and empower women in Kenya. Maathai believed that trees were essential for the survival of the planet, and she also believed that women were the key to protecting the environment.

The Green Belt Movement started out small, but it quickly grew into a major force for change in Kenya. By the early 1990s, the movement had planted over 1 million trees, and it had helped to empower thousands of women. Maathai's work was recognized around the world, and she was awarded numerous awards, including the Nobel Peace Prize.

Maathai's story is an inspiration to us all. It shows us that even the smallest actions can make a big difference. If we all work together, we can create a more sustainable future for our planet.

One Million Trees is a beautiful and inspiring book that tells the story of Wangari Muta Maathai and the Green Belt Movement. The book is full of stunning photographs and personal stories, and it is a must-read for anyone who is interested in environmentalism or social change.

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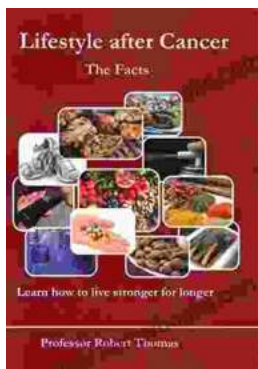
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