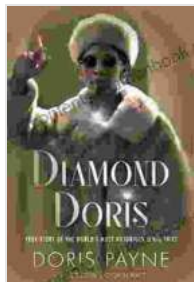


The True Story of the World's Most Notorious Jewel Thief: Doris Payne



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Doris Payne was a woman of many contradictions. She was a petite and unassuming grandmother, but she was also one of the most audacious jewel thieves in history. She stole millions of dollars worth of jewels and was never caught in the act. Payne's story is a fascinating tale of daring, adventure, and intrigue.

Payne was born in Newport News, Virginia, in 1924. Her parents were poor sharecroppers, and she grew up in a tough neighborhood. Payne began stealing at a young age, and she quickly learned that she had a talent for it. She was able to steal anything from jewelry to cash to cars. Payne's thefts were always carefully planned and executed, and she was never caught.

In the 1950s, Payne moved to New York City, where she began to target high-end jewelry stores. She would often pose as a wealthy customer and

then distract the sales staff while she stole the jewels. Payne's thefts were so successful that she became known as the "Queen of Diamonds."

Payne's luck ran out in 1963, when she was caught stealing a \$50,000 diamond ring from a store in Palm Beach, Florida. She was convicted and sentenced to five years in prison. Payne served her sentence, and upon her release, she returned to a life of crime. She continued to steal jewels, but she was never as successful as she had been in the past. Payne's last known theft was in 1981, when she stole a \$100,000 necklace from a jewelry store in Beverly Hills.

Payne died in 1994 at the age of 70. She was never caught for any of her crimes, and she remains one of the world's most notorious jewel thieves. Payne's story is a fascinating tale of a woman who lived life on her own terms. She was a daring, audacious, and successful criminal, and she will always be remembered as the "Queen of Diamonds."



Doris Payne's Techniques

Payne was a master of disguise and deception. She would often pose as a wealthy customer, a delivery person, or even a cleaning lady. She would then use her charm and wit to distract the sales staff while she stole the jewels. Payne was also a skilled pickpocket, and she was able to steal jewels from people's pockets and purses without them even noticing.

Payne's most famous theft was the theft of the Hope Diamond from the American Museum of Natural History in 1964. Payne posed as a museum visitor and then used a pair of pliers to cut the diamond from its setting. She then hid the diamond in her shoe and walked out of the museum. The Hope Diamond was never recovered, and it is believed that Payne sold it to a private collector.

Doris Payne's Legacy

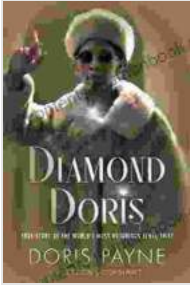
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Payne's story has been told in books, movies, and television shows. She has been portrayed by actresses such as Whoopi Goldberg and Halle Berry. Payne's story continues to fascinate people around the world, and she remains one of the most iconic figures in the world of crime.

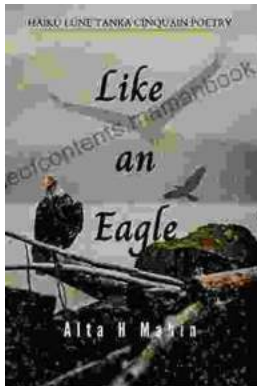
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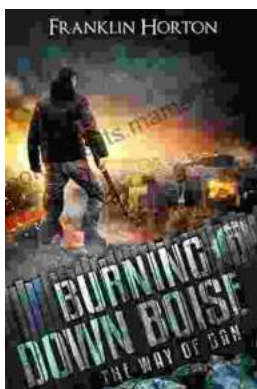


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