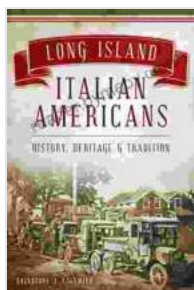


Long Island Italian Americans: A Historical Journey

Long Island has been home to a thriving Italian American community for over a century. The first Italian immigrants arrived on Long Island in the late 19th century, fleeing poverty and political unrest in their homeland. They settled in small, close-knit communities, where they established businesses, churches, and schools. Over time, these communities grew and prospered, and Italian Americans became an integral part of Long Island life.



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The Early Years

The early years of the Italian American community on Long Island were marked by both challenges and triumphs. The immigrants faced discrimination and prejudice from the established Anglo-American population. They were often forced to live in crowded and unsanitary conditions, and they struggled to find jobs. However, they also worked hard

to build a better life for themselves and their families. They established their own businesses, churches, and schools, and they became active in the political and social life of their communities.

The World Wars

The two World Wars had a profound impact on the Italian American community on Long Island. In World War I, many Italian Americans served in the American military, and many of them were killed or injured. In World War II, Italian Americans again served in the military, and they also worked in factories and shipyards to support the war effort. After the war, many Italian Americans returned home to Long Island and started families. They bought homes, opened businesses, and became active in the community.

The Post-War Era

The post-war era was a time of great growth and prosperity for the Italian American community on Long Island. The immigrants who had arrived in the late 19th century had now become established and successful. Their children and grandchildren were born in the United States and grew up to become lawyers, doctors, teachers, and business leaders. Italian Americans were now a respected and influential part of Long Island life.

The Present Day

Today, the Italian American community on Long Island is thriving. Italian Americans are represented in all walks of life, from business to politics to the arts. They have made significant contributions to the community, and they continue to play an important role in Long Island life.

The history of Italian Americans on Long Island is a story of struggle, success, and perseverance. The immigrants who arrived in the late 19th

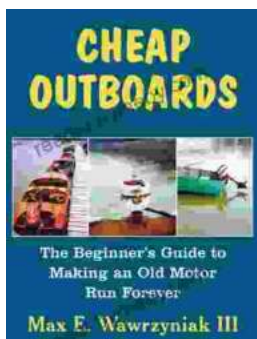
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