

Michelle Rhee Takes On The Nation's Worst School District

When Michelle Rhee took over as chancellor of the Washington, D.C. Public Schools in 2007, the nation's capital had the worst school district in the country. Rhee, a former investment banker with no experience in education, inherited a system plagued by low test scores, high dropout rates, and rampant corruption. But Rhee was determined to turn things around, and she quickly implemented a series of controversial reforms that shook up the system. She fired hundreds of teachers, closed dozens of schools, and implemented a new merit-based pay system.



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Rhee's story is a fascinating and inspiring tale of one woman's determination to make a difference. She is a role model for anyone who wants to make a positive change in the world, and her story is a reminder that anything is possible if you set your mind to it.

The Early Years

Michelle Rhee was born in South Korea in 1969. Her family immigrated to the United States when she was six years old. Rhee grew up in a poor neighborhood in Baltimore, Maryland. She was a bright and ambitious student, and she graduated from high school at the top of her class. Rhee went on to attend Yale University, where she studied economics and political science. After graduating from Yale, Rhee worked as an investment banker for Goldman Sachs. She was successful in the business world, but she eventually decided that she wanted to do something more meaningful with her life.

The Road to Washington, D.C.

In 2003, Rhee left Goldman Sachs to become the CEO of the New Teacher Project, a non-profit organization that works to improve teacher quality. In this role, Rhee gained valuable experience in education reform. In 2007, Rhee was appointed chancellor of the Washington, D.C. Public Schools. The district was in a state of crisis, and Rhee was determined to turn things around.

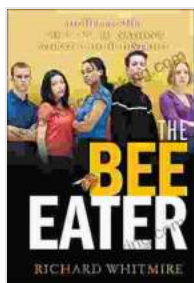
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The Legacy of Michelle Rhee

Michelle Rhee is a controversial figure, but there is no doubt that she made a significant impact on the Washington, D.C. Public Schools. Her reforms were bold and ambitious, and they helped to improve the lives of thousands of children. Rhee's story is a reminder that anything is possible if you set your mind to it.

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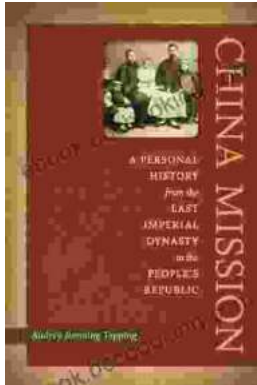
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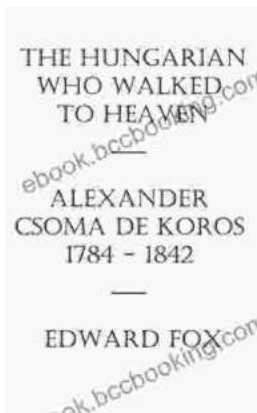
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