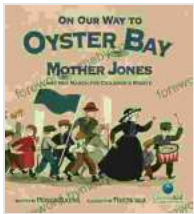


# Mother Jones: A Trailblazer for Children's Rights

Mother Jones was an Irish-American labor and social activist who became a prominent figure in the fight for children's rights in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Born Mary Harris Jones in County Cork, Ireland, in 1837, she emigrated to the United States with her family in 1848.



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Jones began her career as a labor organizer in the 1870s, fighting for better working conditions and wages for working-class Americans. She quickly became known for her fiery speeches and her ability to mobilize workers to take action. In the 1880s, she turned her attention to the plight of child laborers, who were often forced to work long hours in dangerous conditions for little pay.

In 1890, Jones organized a march of child laborers from Philadelphia to New York City to raise awareness of the issue. The march was a success, and it helped to bring about the passage of the first child labor laws in the United States. Jones continued to fight for children's rights throughout her

life, working to improve child labor laws, establish child labor agencies, and provide support for working families.

Mother Jones was a tireless advocate for children, and her work helped to make a significant difference in their lives. She is remembered as one of the most important figures in the history of the labor movement and the fight for children's rights.

### **Mother Jones and the March for Children's Rights**

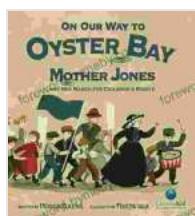
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Despite the challenges, the marchers persevered, and they arrived in New York City on May 1, 1890. They were greeted by a large crowd of supporters, and they marched up Broadway to City Hall. The marchers' demands included a ban on child labor, free education for all children, and an end to child abuse. Their demands were not immediately met, but the march helped to raise awareness of the issue of child labor, and it led to the passage of the first child labor laws in the United States.

### **The Legacy of Mother Jones**

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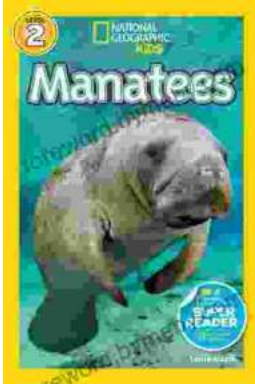
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