Two Boys Experience The Life And Death Fight For Control Of The Hudson Bay Fur



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In the early 1700s, the Hudson Bay fur trade was a cutthroat business. The two major players were the Hudson's Bay Company and the North West Company. Both companies were determined to control the fur trade, and they were willing to do whatever it took to achieve their goals.

In the midst of this fierce competition, two young boys found themselves caught in the crossfire. Thomas Norton and James Isham were both apprentices with the Hudson's Bay Company. They were sent to a remote trading post on the shores of James Bay. There, they witnessed the brutality of the fur trade firsthand.

The boys saw how the traders exploited the Native Americans. They saw how the traders cheated them out of their furs. They saw how the traders even killed them.

Thomas and James were horrified by what they saw. They knew that they had to do something to stop it. But what could they do? They were just two boys.

Then, one day, the boys came up with a plan. They would write a book about what they had seen. They would tell the world about the brutality of the fur trade. They would expose the traders for the criminals they were.

Thomas and James worked on their book for months. They wrote about everything they had seen and heard. They wrote about the greed of the traders. They wrote about the suffering of the Native Americans. They wrote about the violence and the death.

When the book was finally finished, Thomas and James knew that they had to get it published. But no one would publish a book that was so critical of the fur trade.

Finally, the boys found a publisher who was willing to take a chance on them. The book was published in 1749, and it caused a sensation.

The book exposed the truth about the fur trade. It showed the world the greed and the violence that was behind this lucrative business.

The book also had a profound impact on the lives of Thomas and James. They became lifelong advocates for the Native Americans. They fought to protect their rights and to ensure that they were treated fairly.

The story of Thomas Norton and James Isham is a reminder that even the smallest of us can make a difference. Even two boys can change the world.



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