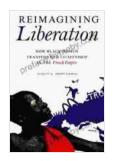
# **How Black Women Transformed Citizenship in** the French Empire: New Black Studies

How Black Women Transformed Citizenship in the French Empire is a groundbreaking new study that examines the role of black women in shaping the concept of citizenship in the French empire. The book draws on a wide range of sources, including archival research, oral histories, and literary analysis, to argue that black women played a central role in challenging and redefining the boundaries of citizenship in the French empire.

The book begins by examining the ways in which black women were excluded from the formal definition of citizenship in the French empire. Black women were not considered to be full citizens because they were not seen as being fully rational or autonomous. They were also seen as being inferior to white men, and therefore not deserving of the same rights and privileges.



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However, black women did not simply accept their exclusion from citizenship. They fought back against the racist and sexist ideologies that denied them their rights. They did this through a variety of means, including political activism, legal challenges, and cultural production.

Black women's activism played a key role in challenging the French empire's definition of citizenship. Black women organized protests, petitioned the government, and lobbied for changes to the law. They also formed their own organizations, such as the Ligue des Femmes Noires de France, which fought for the rights of black women.

Black women also used the law to challenge their exclusion from citizenship. They filed lawsuits, challenging the constitutionality of laws that discriminated against them. They also used the courts to seek redress for the harms they had suffered as a result of racism and sexism.

In addition to their political and legal activism, black women also used cultural production to challenge the French empire's definition of citizenship. They wrote novels, poems, and plays that explored the experiences of black women in the empire. They also created music and art that celebrated black women's strength and resilience.

Black women's cultural production played a key role in shaping the concept of citizenship in the French empire. It helped to create a new vision of citizenship that was more inclusive and just. It also helped to inspire black women to continue to fight for their rights.

How Black Women Transformed Citizenship in the French Empire is a major contribution to the study of citizenship, race, and gender. It is a must-

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#### Reviews

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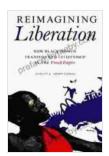
"How Black Women Transformed Citizenship in the French Empire is a brilliant and deeply researched study that challenges traditional understandings of citizenship and the French empire. The book is a major contribution to the field of Black Studies and will be essential reading for anyone interested in the history of race, gender, and colonialism." - Professor Kimberlé Crenshaw, author of On Intersectionality

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