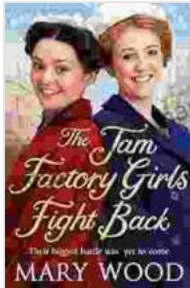


The Jam Factory Girls Fight Back

In the early 1900s, Chicago was a booming industrial city. Factories sprang up all over the city, employing thousands of workers. One of these factories was the Jam Factory, which employed over 1,000 women.



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The women who worked at the Jam Factory were paid very low wages and worked long hours in dangerous conditions. They were often forced to work overtime without pay, and they were not given any benefits. The factory was also very unsanitary, and the women often got sick from the fumes and dust.

In 1910, the women at the Jam Factory had had enough. They went on strike, demanding better wages, shorter hours, and safer working conditions. The strike lasted for several weeks, and the women faced a lot of opposition from the factory owners and the police.

But the women refused to give up. They organized mass protests and rallies, and they got the support of the public and the media. Eventually, the factory owners were forced to give in to the women's demands.

The Jam Factory strike was a major victory for the labor movement and for women's rights. It showed that even the most vulnerable workers can stand up for themselves and win.

The Legacy of the Jam Factory Girls

The Jam Factory strike had a lasting impact on the labor movement and on women's rights. It helped to raise awareness of the plight of working women, and it inspired other workers to organize and fight for their rights.

The Jam Factory strike also helped to pave the way for the passage of the Fair Labor Standards Act in 1938, which established a minimum wage and maximum hours for workers.

Today, the Jam Factory girls are still remembered as pioneers in the labor movement. Their story is an inspiring example of the power of collective action and the importance of fighting for what you believe in.

How to Learn More About the Jam Factory Girls

There are a number of resources available to learn more about the Jam Factory girls and their strike.

- The book "The Jam Factory Girls" by Leslie Tentler tells the story of the strike.
- The documentary film "The Jam Factory Girls" tells the story of the strike.

- The Jam Factory Girls website provides information about the strike and the women who participated in it.

You can also visit the Jam Factory site in Chicago, which is now a National Historic Landmark.

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