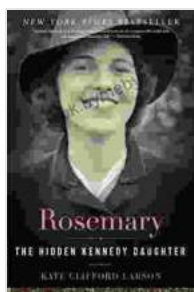


Rosemary Kennedy: The Hidden Daughter of the American Dynasty

Rosemary Kennedy was the eldest daughter of Joseph P. Kennedy Sr. and Rose Kennedy. She was born in 1918, and her parents had high hopes for her. Rosemary was a beautiful and intelligent girl, but she also had some developmental delays. She was diagnosed with intellectual disabilities, and her parents were determined to find a way to help her.



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In 1941, when Rosemary was 23 years old, her parents decided to have her undergo a lobotomy. A lobotomy is a surgical procedure that involves severing the connections between the frontal lobes of the brain and the rest of the brain. It was once thought to be a cure for mental illness, but it is now known to be a dangerous and irreversible procedure.

The lobotomy that Rosemary underwent was a disaster. It left her severely disabled. She was unable to walk or talk, and she required constant care. Rosemary spent the rest of her life in institutions, and she died in 2005.

The story of Rosemary Kennedy is a tragedy. It is a story of a young woman who was failed by her family and by the medical community. It is also a story of the stigma surrounding mental illness in the mid-20th century.

Rosemary Kennedy's story is an important one to remember. It is a reminder of the dangers of lobotomy and the importance of treating people with mental illness with compassion and respect.

The Kennedy Family and Mental Illness

The Kennedy family has a long history of mental illness. Rosemary Kennedy was not the only member of the family to suffer from mental health problems. Her brother, John F. Kennedy, was diagnosed with bipolar disorder. Her sister, Eunice Kennedy Shriver, was diagnosed with depression.

The Kennedy family's history of mental illness is a reminder that mental illness can affect anyone, regardless of their wealth or social status. It is also a reminder that mental illness is not a sign of weakness or moral failing.

The Stigma Surrounding Mental Illness

In the mid-20th century, mental illness was often seen as a shameful secret. Families were reluctant to talk about their loved ones' mental health

problems, and people with mental illness were often stigmatized and discriminated against.

The stigma surrounding mental illness has had a devastating impact on people with mental health problems. It has prevented them from getting the help they need, and it has led to discrimination in employment, housing, and other areas of life.

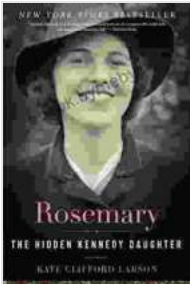
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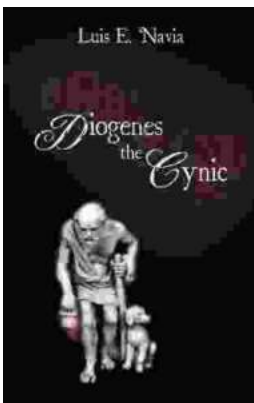
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