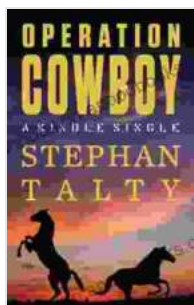


# The Secret American Mission to Save the World's Most Beautiful Horses in the Last Days of World War II



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In the chaotic final days of World War II, as Allied forces raced across Europe in pursuit of the retreating German army, a secret American mission was launched to save the world's most beautiful horses from the ravages of war.

The horses in question were the Lipizzaners, a breed of white horses that had been bred for centuries by the Habsburg monarchy in Austria. These horses were not only beautiful, but they were also highly prized for their athleticism and intelligence. They were used by the Habsburgs for centuries in their famous Spanish Riding School in Vienna.

As the war drew to a close, the Lipizzaners were in danger of being killed or captured by the advancing Soviet army. The Americans, who were aware of the horses' value, decided to launch a daring rescue mission to save them.

The mission was led by Colonel Charles Reed, a horse lover and the commander of the 32nd Cavalry Regiment. Reed and his men traveled deep into enemy territory, often under fire, to reach the Lipizzaner stables in Hostau, Czechoslovakia.

Once they reached Hostau, Reed and his men found the horses in a state of near starvation. The Austrians who had been caring for the horses had fled, and the horses were left without food or water.

Reed and his men quickly set to work to care for the horses. They fed them, watered them, and gave them medical attention. They also began the long journey back to American lines.

The journey was dangerous, and Reed and his men were constantly harassed by German forces. But they refused to give up, and they eventually reached American lines with the horses safe and sound.

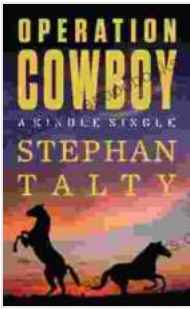
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### **The Lipizzaners Today**

The Lipizzaners that were rescued by Reed and his men went on to have a long and successful life in the United States. They were used in the Spanish Riding School in Vienna for many years, and they also performed at other prestigious venues around the world.

Today, the Lipizzaners are still one of the most popular breeds of horses in the world. They are known for their beauty, their athleticism, and their intelligence. They are also a symbol of the courage and determination of the American soldiers who risked their lives to save them from the ravages of war.

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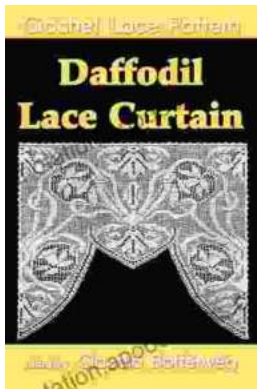
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