# Irish Confederates: The Civil War's Forgotten Soldiers

The Irish were one of the largest immigrant groups in the United States in the 19th century. They came to America for a variety of reasons, including economic opportunity, religious freedom, and political asylum. Many Irish immigrants settled in the North, where they found work in factories and on farms. However, a significant number of Irish immigrants also settled in the South, where they worked on plantations and in other agricultural jobs.

When the Civil War broke out in 1861, many Irish immigrants found themselves torn between their loyalty to their adopted country and their sympathy for the Confederate cause. Some Irish immigrants chose to fight for the Union, while others chose to fight for the Confederacy. The Irish who fought for the Confederacy were motivated by a variety of factors, including their desire to protect their adopted homeland, their opposition to abolitionism, and their hope for Irish independence.



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#### The Irish Brigade

The Irish Brigade was one of the most famous Irish Confederate units. It was formed in 1861 by Irish immigrants in New York City. The brigade was initially commanded by Colonel Thomas Francis Meagher, a prominent Irish nationalist. The Irish Brigade fought in some of the most important battles of the war, including the Battle of Antietam and the Battle of Gettysburg. The brigade was disbanded in 1865 after the war ended.

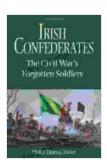
#### The Fenian Brotherhood

The Fenian Brotherhood was a secret society founded in Ireland in the 1850s. The Fenians were dedicated to fighting for Irish independence. During the Civil War, the Fenians played a role in recruiting Irish immigrants to fight for the Confederacy.

### The Legacy of the Irish Confederates

The Irish Confederates have been largely forgotten by history. However, their story is an important part of the history of the American Civil War. The Irish Confederates fought for a variety of reasons, including their desire to protect their adopted homeland, their opposition to abolitionism, and their hope for Irish independence. They played a significant role in the Confederate war effort, and their story is an important part of the history of the United States.

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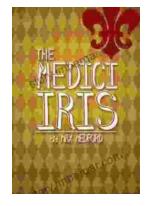
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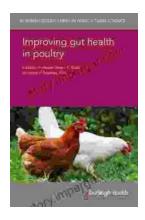
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