# How a Group of Football Fans Righted a Wrong and Brought Their Football Club Home

In 2002, a group of football fans in Milton Keynes saw their beloved team, Wimbledon FC, forcibly relocated away from their home ground in London. Refusing to accept this injustice, they embarked on a remarkable journey to bring their club back home. This is their story.



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#### The Relocation

Wimbledon FC was founded in 1889 and played at Plough Lane in Wimbledon, London. In the 1990s, the club fell into financial trouble and was forced to sell Plough Lane. In 2002, the club's new owners announced that they were relocating the team to Milton Keynes, a town about 50 miles north of London. The fans were devastated. Wimbledon FC had been their club for generations, and they could not imagine it playing anywhere else. They formed a group called the Wimbledon Independent Supporters Association (WISA) and began to campaign against the relocation.

#### The Campaign

WISA's campaign was long and difficult. They faced opposition from the club's owners, the Football Association, and even the government. But they never gave up. They organized protests, boycotted matches, and lobbied politicians.

In 2004, WISA won a major victory when the Football Association ruled that Wimbledon FC could not use the name or logo of the original club if they moved to Milton Keynes. This was a major blow to the club's owners, who had been hoping to profit from the Wimbledon name.

#### The Return

In 2007, after five years of campaigning, WISA finally achieved its goal. The club's owners agreed to sell the team back to the fans. Wimbledon FC was then reformed as a fan-owned club and returned to its spiritual home in London.

The return of Wimbledon FC to London was a major victory for football fans everywhere. It showed that even the most powerful forces in the game can be defeated by the determination of ordinary people.

### The Legacy

The story of Wimbledon FC is a reminder that anything is possible if you have the passion and the determination. The fans of Wimbledon FC never

gave up on their dream of bringing their club home, and in the end, they triumphed.

The legacy of Wimbledon FC will live on for generations to come. The club is a symbol of hope and inspiration for all those who believe that anything is possible.





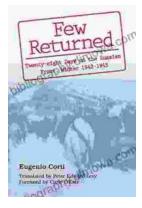
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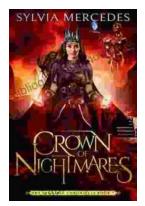
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