# The Rise And Fall Of The Fighting Editor John Mitchell Jr.

John Mitchell Jr. was a larger-than-life figure in the world of journalism. He was the editor of the New York World for nearly 30 years, and during that time he helped to shape the course of American history.



 Race Man: The Rise and Fall of the "Fighting Editor,"

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Mitchell was born in New York City in 1845. His father was a successful businessman, and Mitchell Jr. grew up in a wealthy household. He attended Columbia College and Harvard Law School, but he soon decided that his true calling was journalism.

Mitchell began his career as a reporter for the New York Tribune. In 1873, he joined the staff of the New York World, and within a few years he had become the paper's editor. Under Mitchell's leadership, the World became one of the most influential newspapers in the United States. Mitchell was a brilliant editor and a gifted writer. He was also a fearless crusader for social justice. He used the World to expose corruption, fight for the rights of the poor, and advocate for progressive causes.

Mitchell's most famous crusade was his campaign against the corrupt political machine known as Tammany Hall. In a series of hard-hitting editorials, Mitchell exposed Tammany's corruption and helped to bring about its downfall.

Mitchell's crusading journalism made him a target for the powerful interests he attacked. He was sued for libel, threatened with violence, and even physically assaulted. But Mitchell never backed down. He continued to fight for what he believed in, even when it meant putting his own life in danger.

Mitchell's career as editor of the World came to an end in 1903. He was forced out by the paper's new owners, who were unwilling to tolerate his outspoken criticism of their business practices.

After leaving the World, Mitchell continued to write and speak out on public issues. He also served as a delegate to the Democratic National Convention and as a member of the New York City Board of Education.

John Mitchell Jr. died in 1918. He was 73 years old. He is remembered as one of the most important figures in American journalism history.

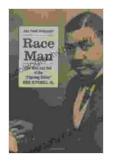
#### Legacy

John Mitchell Jr. was a pioneer in the field of investigative journalism. He used the power of the press to expose corruption, fight for the rights of the poor, and advocate for progressive causes.

Mitchell's legacy is still felt today. His work helped to shape the American press into the powerful force it is today. He is also remembered as a champion of the First Amendment and a defender of the public's right to know.

## **Further Reading**

- John Mitchell Jr. on Wikipedia
- John Mitchell Jr. on Encyclopedia Britannica
- John Mitchell, Editor, Is Dead; Long a Power in New York and in the Nation (New York Times obituary)



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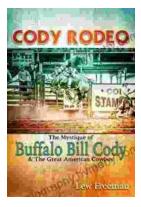
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