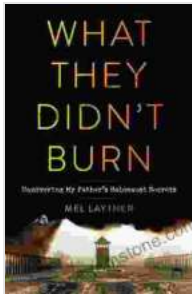


What They Didn't Burn: The Importance of Preserving History



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In the wake of the devastating fires that ravaged the National Archives of Brazil in 2018, the world was shocked and saddened by the loss of countless irreplaceable historical documents. But amidst the ashes, there was also a glimmer of hope: a group of dedicated archivists had managed to save a significant number of the archives' most important holdings.

The story of how these archivists risked their lives to save their nation's history is told in the powerful new documentary film, *What They Didn't Burn*. The film follows the archivists as they work tirelessly to recover and restore the damaged documents, and it provides a powerful reminder of the importance of preserving history.

The Importance of History

History is the foundation of our understanding of the world. It tells us who we are, where we come from, and how we got to where we are today. Without history, we would be lost in a sea of ignorance and uncertainty.

History is also essential for making informed decisions about the future. By studying the past, we can learn from the mistakes of others and avoid repeating them. We can also learn from the successes of the past and build on them to create a better future.

The Importance of Preserving History

The preservation of history is essential for a number of reasons. First, it ensures that the past is not forgotten. When historical documents and artifacts are destroyed, we lose a piece of our collective memory. This can make it difficult to understand the present and to make informed decisions about the future.

Second, the preservation of history helps us to understand our culture. Historical documents and artifacts provide us with insights into the beliefs, values, and traditions of past societies. This can help us to appreciate our own culture and to understand the cultures of others.

Third, the preservation of history can promote tourism and economic development. Historical sites and museums can attract visitors from all over the world, and they can generate revenue for local businesses. This can help to revitalize communities and create jobs.

The Challenges of Preserving History

The preservation of history is not without its challenges. Historical documents and artifacts are often fragile and can be easily damaged or

destroyed. They can also be lost to natural disasters, such as fires, floods, and earthquakes.

Another challenge to the preservation of history is the fact that it can be expensive. The costs of storing, preserving, and restoring historical materials can be significant. This can make it difficult for small museums and archives to adequately care for their collections.

What We Can Do to Help Preserve History

There are a number of things that we can do to help preserve history. First, we can support organizations that are dedicated to the preservation of historical materials. These organizations include museums, archives, libraries, and historical societies.

Second, we can donate historical materials to these organizations. This can include anything from old photographs and letters to furniture and clothing.

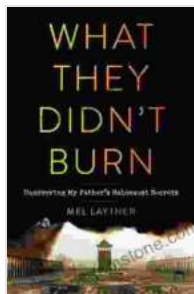
Third, we can volunteer our time to help preserve historical materials. This can include helping to organize and catalog collections, or helping to digitize historical documents.

Finally, we can simply be more aware of the importance of history. We can read historical books, visit historical sites, and talk to older people about their experiences. By doing these things, we can help to ensure that the past is not forgotten.

The preservation of history is essential for our understanding of the world, our culture, and our future. We can all help to preserve history by supporting organizations that are dedicated to its preservation, donating

historical materials, volunteering our time, and simply being more aware of the importance of history.

As the archivists in *What They Didn't Burn* show us, the preservation of history is a noble and important task. By preserving the past, we can help to build a better future.



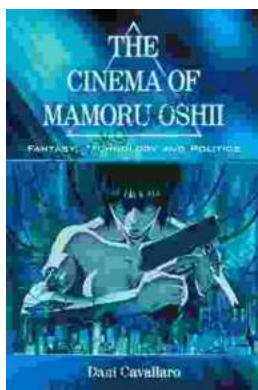
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