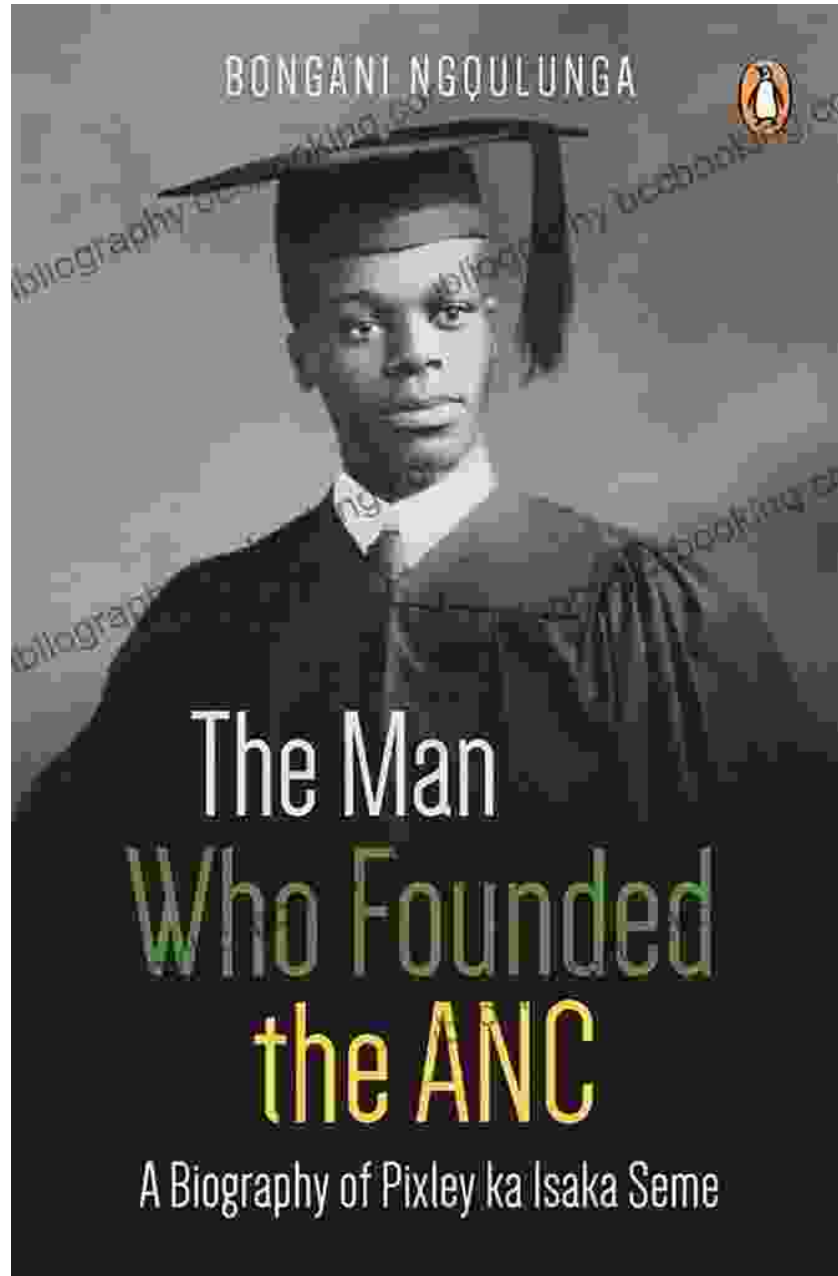


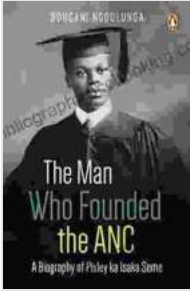
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In the annals of South African history, the name Pixley ka Isaka Seme stands tall as a beacon of hope and inspiration. As the founder of the African National Congress (ANC), Seme played a pivotal role in the struggle for liberation from the oppressive apartheid regime. His unwavering commitment to the cause of his people and his vision of a united and free South Africa left an enduring legacy that continues to shape the nation's destiny.

Early Life and Education

Pixley ka Isaka Seme was born on October 1, 1881, in Thaba Nchu, a small town in the Orange Free State. His father, Isaka Seme, was a respected chief of the amaHlubi tribe, and his mother, Lydia, was a devout Christian. Seme received his early education at the local mission school, where he excelled in his studies and developed a keen interest in politics and history.

In 1902, Seme enrolled at the prestigious Lovedale Institution, a renowned center of learning for African students. There, he honed his leadership skills and became deeply involved in the growing movement for black consciousness. He also had the opportunity to meet and interact with some

of the leading figures of the time, including Mahatma Gandhi, who was then living in South Africa.

Founding the African National Congress

In 1912, Seme traveled to London to study law at the Inns of Court. While in England, he became increasingly aware of the injustices and discrimination faced by Africans in South Africa. Inspired by the ideals of self-determination and equality, he resolved to establish a national organization that would fight for the rights of all Africans.

On January 8, 1912, Seme convened a meeting of African leaders in Bloemfontein. The meeting was attended by delegates from all over South Africa, and it resulted in the formation of the African National Congress (ANC). Seme was elected as the first president of the ANC, a position he held until 1917.

Leadership and Legacy

Under Seme's leadership, the ANC quickly grew into a powerful and influential force in South African politics. He organized mass protests, lobbied the government, and campaigned tirelessly for the rights of Africans. His speeches and writings inspired a generation of activists and helped to raise international awareness of the plight of black South Africans.

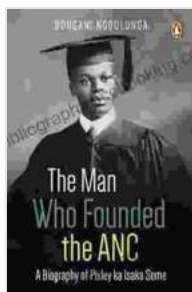
Seme's vision for the ANC was one of a non-racial, democratic South Africa where all citizens would be treated equally. He believed that the liberation of black South Africans was essential for the progress and prosperity of the entire nation.

Later Years and Legacy

Seme remained active in politics until his death in 1951. He served as a member of the South African Native National Congress (SANNC) and the South African Communist Party (SACP). He also spent time in prison for his political activities.

Pixley ka Isaka Seme's legacy as the founder of the ANC and a tireless fighter for freedom and equality is immense. He is remembered as one of the most influential figures in South African history, and his work continues to inspire generations of activists and leaders.

The life of Pixley ka Isaka Seme is a testament to the power of one person to make a difference in the world. His unwavering commitment to the liberation of South Africa and his vision of a united and free nation have left an enduring legacy that continues to shape the country today. As we celebrate the ANC's centenary, we remember Seme as the founding father of our nation and honor his tireless struggle for justice and equality.



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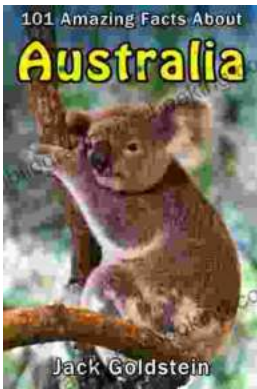
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