

# Clare Boothe Luce: A Renaissance Woman

Clare Boothe Luce was a playwright, journalist, diplomat, and politician. She was a prominent figure in 20th-century American society and a close friend of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. Luce's writing was often witty and satirical, and she was a vocal critic of the New Deal. She was also a strong supporter of the Republican Party and a vocal opponent of communism. Luce's life was full of controversy and intrigue, and she remains a fascinating figure to this day.



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## Early Life and Career

Clare Boothe Luce was born on March 10, 1903, in New York City. Her father was a successful lawyer, and her mother was a socialite. Luce was educated at the Chapin School and Vassar College. After graduating from Vassar, Luce worked as a journalist for the New York Herald Tribune. In 1923, she married George Tuttle Brokaw, a wealthy businessman. The couple had one daughter, Ann Clare Brokaw.

In 1928, Luce published her first play, *The Women*. The play was a huge success and ran for over 600 performances on Broadway. Luce followed up *The Women* with several other successful plays, including *The Lady from Dubuque* (1931), *Abide with Me* (1935), and *Kiss the Boys Goodbye* (1938).

## **Political Career**

In 1940, Luce was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives as a Republican from Connecticut. She served in the House for two terms, from 1943 to 1947. During her time in Congress, Luce was a vocal critic of the New Deal and a strong supporter of the Republican Party. She was also a vocal opponent of communism.

In 1952, Luce was appointed ambassador to Italy by President Dwight D. Eisenhower. She served as ambassador until 1957. During her time in Italy, Luce was a close friend of President Giovanni Gronchi. She also played a key role in the negotiations that led to the signing of the Treaty of Rome, which established the European Economic Community.

## **Later Life and Legacy**

After leaving the diplomatic service, Luce continued to write and speak out on political issues. She was a vocal supporter of the Vietnam War and a critic of the civil rights movement. Luce died on October 9, 1987, at the age of 84.

Clare Boothe Luce was a complex and controversial figure. She was a brilliant writer, a successful politician, and a close friend of presidents. She was also a vocal critic of the New Deal and a strong supporter of the Republican Party. Luce's life was full of controversy and intrigue, and she remains a fascinating figure to this day.

## Further Reading

- Clare Boothe Luce: A Renaissance Woman by Sylvia Jukes Morris
- Clare Boothe Luce: A Renaissance Woman by Barbara Gamarekian
- Clare Boothe Luce: A Renaissance Woman by Richard Brookhiser



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