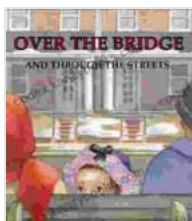


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The Early Years

The Williamsburg Bridge was first proposed in the 1870s, as a way to relieve traffic congestion on the East River bridges. However, it took many years for the project to get off the ground. One of the main obstacles was the cost of construction. The bridge was originally estimated to cost \$8 million, but the final cost was closer to \$20 million.



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Another obstacle was the difficulty of building a bridge across the East River. The river is wide and deep, and the currents are strong. The

engineers who designed the bridge had to come up with a new way to build a suspension bridge that could withstand the forces of the river.

Construction

Construction on the Williamsburg Bridge began in 1896. The first step was to build two massive towers on each side of the river. The towers were made of steel and they were each over 330 feet tall. Once the towers were in place, the engineers began to string the cables that would support the bridge deck.

The bridge deck was made of steel and it was over 1,600 feet long. The deck was divided into two levels, with the upper level carrying vehicular traffic and the lower level carrying pedestrians and cyclists.

The Williamsburg Bridge was completed in 1903. It was the longest suspension bridge in the world at the time, and it was a major engineering achievement.

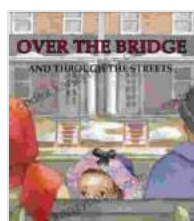
The Bridge Today

The Williamsburg Bridge is still one of the most important bridges in New York City. It carries over 100,000 vehicles per day, and it is a vital link between Manhattan and Brooklyn.

The bridge has been designated as a National Historic Landmark, and it is a popular tourist destination. Visitors can walk or bike across the bridge, and they can enjoy stunning views of the city.

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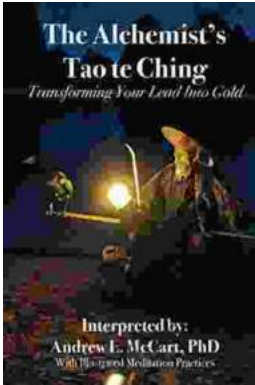
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