

# Elsie Parrish Versus The West Coast Hotel Company: A Tale of Courage, Resilience, and Justice

In 1908, Elsie Parrish was a young woman working as a waitress in San Francisco. She was paid \$1.50 for a 10-hour day, and she was often forced to work overtime without pay. She was also subjected to sexual harassment by her boss.



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Parrish had had enough. She decided to sue the West Coast Hotel Company for violating California's labor laws. The company fought back, but Parrish refused to give up. She took her case all the way to the Supreme Court, and in 1911, she won a landmark victory.

Parrish's victory was a major turning point in the fight for labor rights in the United States. It helped to establish the principle that women had the right

to fair wages and working conditions. It also inspired other women to stand up for their rights.

Elsie Parrish was a pioneer in the fight for social justice. Her story is an inspiration to us all.

## **About the Author**

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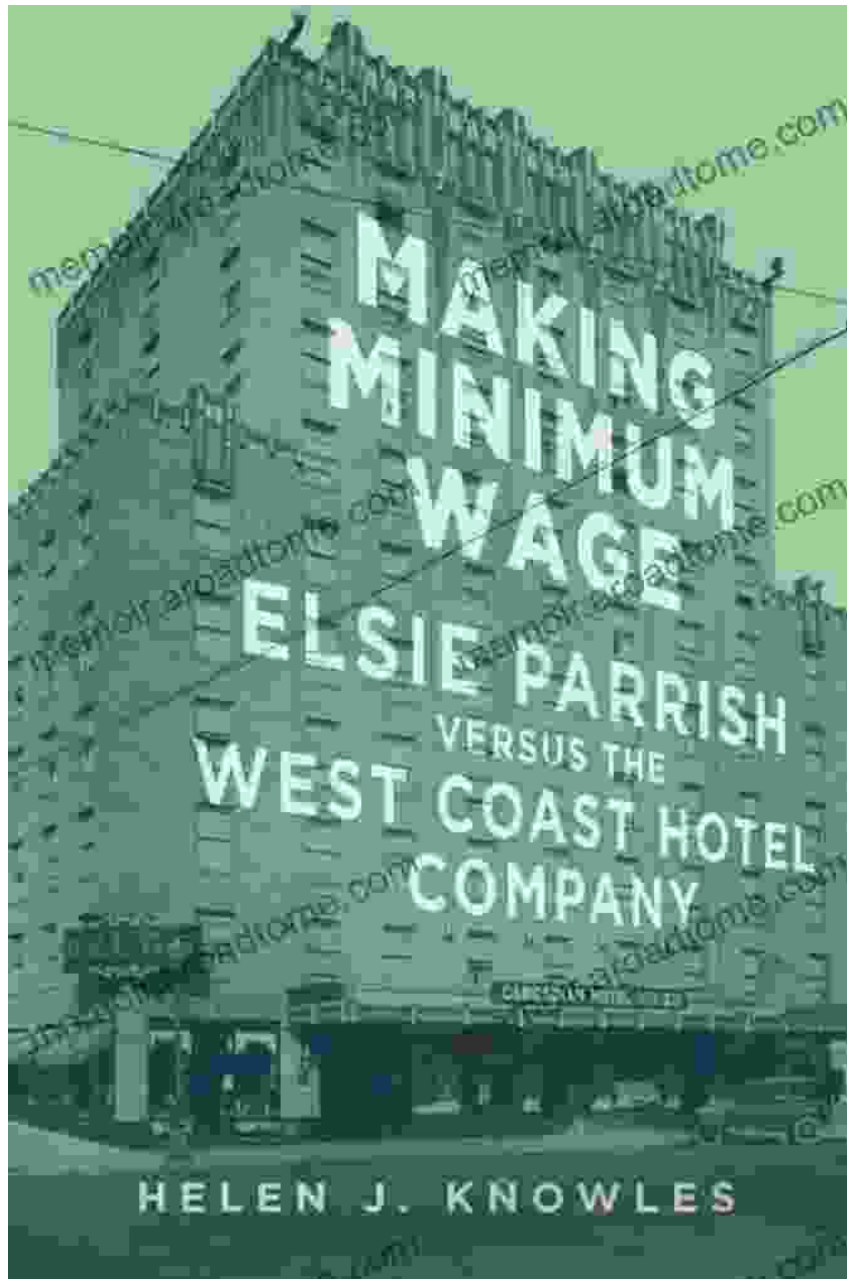
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