

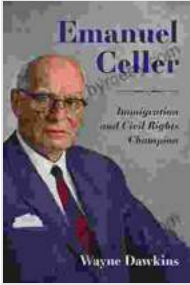
# Emanuel Celler: The Immigration and Civil Rights Champion Who Shaped America

The Making of an Advocate



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Emanuel Celler's life is a testament to the power of one person to make a profound difference in the world. Born in 1888 to Jewish immigrants in Brooklyn, New York, Celler was a brilliant student who excelled academically. His upbringing instilled in him a deep compassion for the plight of immigrants and a strong belief in the principles of justice and equality.

After graduating from Columbia Law School, Celler entered politics and quickly rose through the ranks, becoming a member of the New York State Assembly and later the U.S. House of Representatives.

### **Championing Immigration Reform**



Throughout his career, Celler was a tireless advocate for immigration reform. He believed that the United States had a moral and humanitarian obligation to welcome immigrants from all walks of life.

As the chairman of the House Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Immigration and Nationality, Celler played a key role in shaping the nation's immigration laws. He fought for measures that would protect the rights of immigrants, streamline the naturalization process, and reunite families.

Under Celler's leadership, Congress passed several landmark immigration laws, including the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 and the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965. These laws abolished the national

origins quotas that had discriminated against immigrants from certain countries and established a more equitable system based on merit.

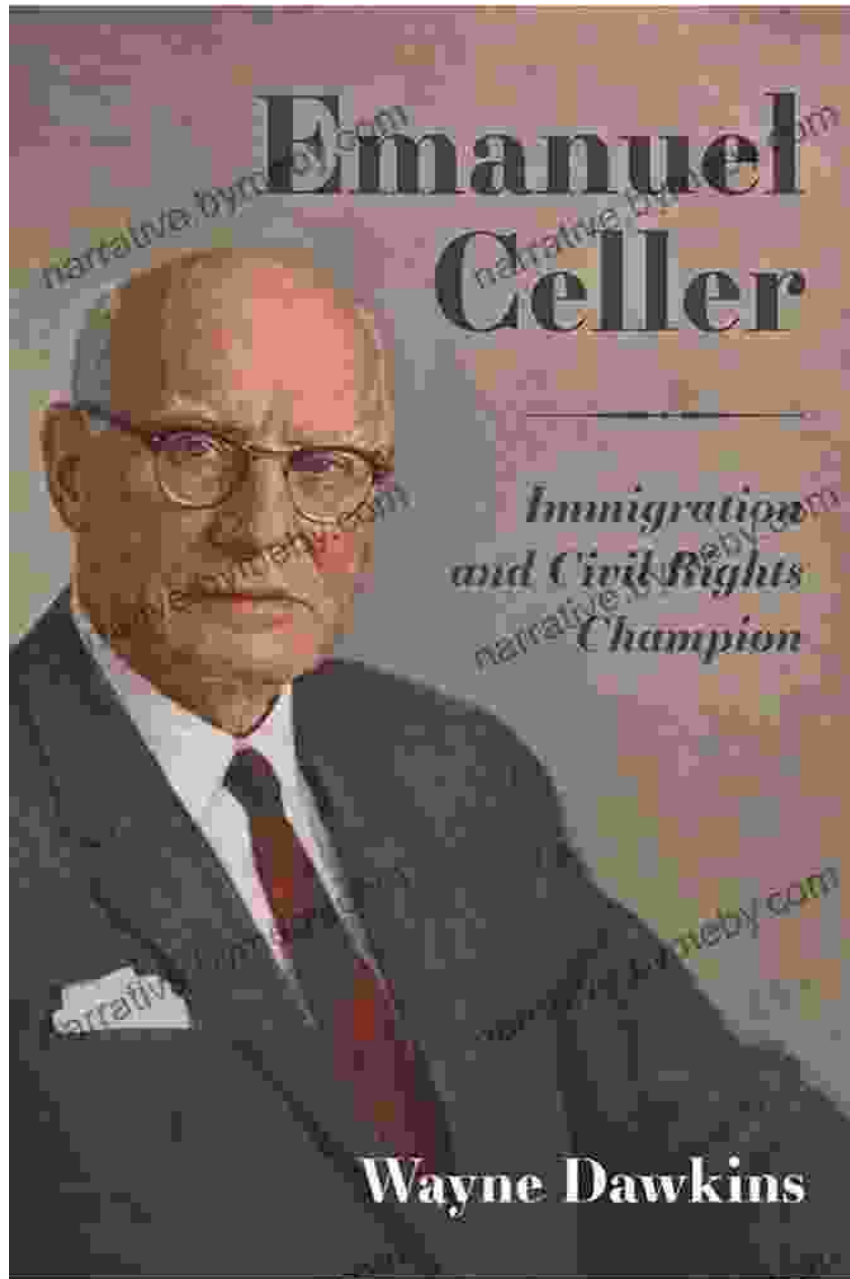
## **Fighting for Civil Rights**



In addition to his work on immigration, Celler was a staunch advocate for civil rights. He believed that all Americans, regardless of race, religion, or ethnicity, deserved equal rights and opportunities.

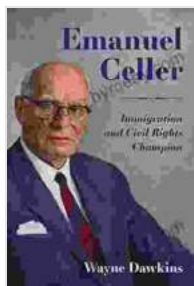
During the height of the Civil Rights Movement, Celler used his position on the House Judiciary Committee to push for legislation that would end segregation and discrimination. He was a co-sponsor of the Civil Rights Act of 1957 and the Civil Rights Act of 1964, two landmark laws that outlawed discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, or national origin.

## A Lasting Legacy



Emanuel Celler's legacy continues to inspire and guide policymakers and advocates today. His work to promote immigration reform and civil rights has had a lasting impact on the United States, making it a more welcoming and just society.

To learn more about the extraordinary life and achievements of Emanuel Celler, read the acclaimed book, 'Emanuel Celler: Immigration and Civil Rights Champion.' This comprehensive biography provides a fascinating account of his political career, his advocacy for immigrants and civil rights, and his enduring legacy.



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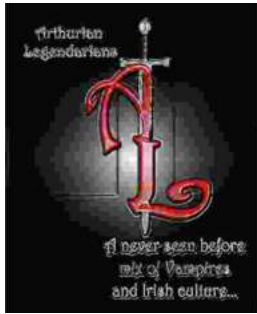
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