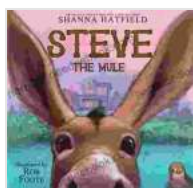


Steve the Mule: The Unforgettable Mascot of the Pendleton Petticoats

In the annals of sports history, the Pendleton Petticoats stand out as a unique and enduring team, not only for their exceptional athleticism but also for their unwavering camaraderie and the extraordinary bond they shared with their beloved mascot, Steve the Mule.



Steve The Mule (Pendleton Petticoats) by Shanna Hatfield

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Steve, a gentle and spirited mule, became an integral part of the Petticoats' identity, bringing joy and laughter to the team, their fans, and everyone who crossed his path. His unwavering spirit and infectious humor left an unforgettable mark on the hearts of millions, forever etching his name into the annals of sports folklore.

Steve's Arrival in Pendleton

Steve's journey to Pendleton began in 1941, when he was acquired by the local Elks Lodge. Initially intended to serve as a pack animal for camping trips, Steve soon revealed a mischievous and playful side that endeared him to the lodge members.

When the Petticoats, a newly formed women's basketball team, sought a mascot, Steve's charming demeanor and exceptional agility made him the perfect candidate. With his floppy ears, twinkling eyes, and a mischievous grin, Steve quickly became the team's good luck charm.

Steve's Role as Mascot

From the moment Steve stepped onto the basketball court, he captivated both players and spectators alike. His antics were legendary, bringing a much-needed dose of humor and joy to the often-intense world of sports.

Steve would often join the Petticoats during warm-ups, showcasing his remarkable basketball skills. He could dribble the ball with surprising dexterity, steal passes from unsuspecting players, and even execute impressive jump shots.

During games, Steve became the ultimate cheerleader, his braying and hoof stomping echoing through the arena. He would pace the sidelines, encouraging the Petticoats to victory and providing a constant source of amusement for the crowd.

Steve's Celebrity Status

Steve's fame extended far beyond the basketball court. He became a beloved figure in the Pendleton community and beyond, with people from all walks of life flocking to see him and soak up his infectious charm.

Steve's celebrity status landed him numerous appearances on television and radio shows, including "The Ed Sullivan Show" and "I Love Lucy." He was featured in countless magazines and newspapers, his heartwarming story captivating audiences around the world.

Steve's popularity also led to the creation of merchandise bearing his image, such as stuffed animals, T-shirts, and postcards. Proceeds from the sales of these items not only benefited Steve himself but also various local charities, reflecting his unwavering spirit of giving back.

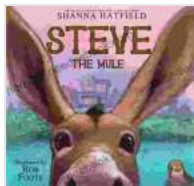
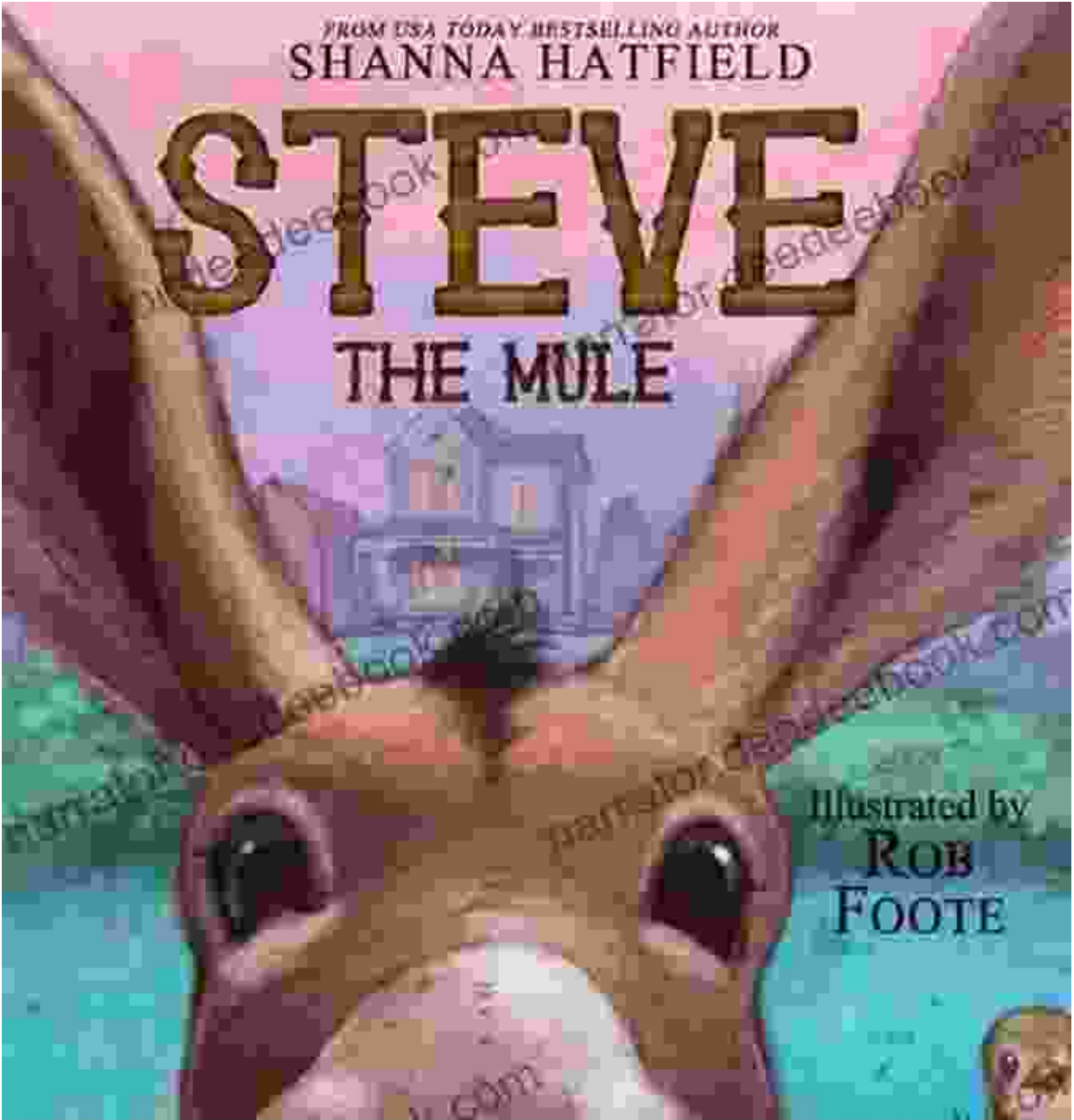
Steve's Legacy

Steve the Mule's legacy extends far beyond his lifetime. His playful antics and heartwarming spirit continue to inspire and entertain generations of sports fans and animal lovers alike.

The Pendleton Petticoats retired Steve's jersey number in his honor, a testament to the profound impact he had on the team and the community. A statue of Steve stands outside the Pendleton Convention Center, capturing his infectious smile and mischievous spirit.

Steve the Mule's story serves as a timeless reminder of the power of sports to bring people together, create unforgettable memories, and inspire greatness. His unwavering spirit and infectious humor will forever hold a special place in the hearts of all who were fortunate enough to witness his extraordinary journey.

Steve the Mule, the beloved mascot of the Pendleton Petticoats, was more than just an animal. He was a symbol of joy, laughter, and the enduring power of human-animal bonds. His heartwarming antics and unwavering spirit continue to captivate the hearts of millions, leaving an unforgettable legacy that will inspire generations to come.



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