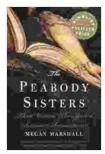
# Three Women Who Ignited American Romanticism



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American Romanticism was a literary, artistic, and intellectual movement that flourished in the United States in the early 19th century. It was characterized by a focus on emotion, imagination, and individualism, and a celebration of the natural world. Three women played a major role in the development of American Romanticism: Lydia Sigourney, Sarah Josepha Hale, and Catharine Maria Sedgwick.

#### Lydia Sigourney



Lydia Sigourney was born in Norwich, Connecticut, in 1791. She began writing poetry at a young age, and her first collection of poems was published in 1815. Sigourney's poems were widely read and admired, and she became one of the most popular poets in the United States. She was also a prolific writer of prose, including novels, short stories, and essays.

Sigourney's work was often infused with Romantic themes. She celebrated the beauty of the natural world, the importance of emotion, and the power of imagination. She also wrote about social issues, such as the plight of women and the abolition of slavery.

#### **Sarah Josepha Hale**



Sarah Josepha Hale was born in Newport, New Hampshire, in 1788. She began writing poetry and prose at a young age, and her first novel was published in 1827. Hale was also a successful editor, and she served as the editor of the popular women's magazine *Godey's Lady's Book* for over 40 years.

Hale's work was often didactic, and she used her writing to promote her views on morality, religion, and gender roles. However, she also wrote about Romantic themes, such as the importance of emotion and the beauty of the natural world. Hale is best known for her poem "Mary Had a Little Lamb," which she wrote in 1830.

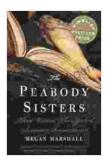
#### **Catharine Maria Sedgwick**



Catharine Maria Sedgwick was born in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, in 1789. She began writing novels at a young age, and her first novel was published in 1822. Sedgwick's novels were widely read and admired, and she became one of the most popular novelists in the United States. She was also a successful playwright, and her plays were performed on Broadway.

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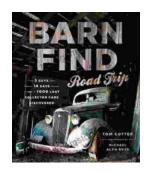
Lydia Sigourney, Sarah Josepha Hale, and Catharine Maria Sedgwick were three of the most important figures in the development of American Romanticism. Their work helped to shape the movement's aesthetic and ideological principles, and they continue to be read and admired today.



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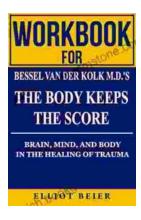
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