

Mrs. Lincoln's Sisters: A Novel That Reveals the Hidden Lives of Mary Todd Lincoln's Sisters



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Mrs. Lincoln's Sisters is a historical novel that tells the story of Mary Todd Lincoln's three sisters: Elizabeth, Emilie, and Frances. The novel follows the sisters as they navigate the challenges of life in the 19th century, including marriage, childbirth, and the Civil War. The novel provides a new perspective on the Lincoln family and the history of the United States.

The novel begins with the Todd family living in Kentucky in the 1840s. Elizabeth is the eldest sister and is married to Ninian Wirt Edwards, a lawyer and politician. Emilie is the middle sister and is married to John Helm, a doctor. Frances is the youngest sister and is married to Wallace Wallace, a farmer. The novel follows the sisters as they live their lives in the antebellum South. They are all intelligent and ambitious women, but they

are also bound by the societal norms of their time. They are expected to be subservient to their husbands and to focus on their children and homes. They are not allowed to vote or to hold public office.

The novel takes a turn when the Civil War breaks out in 1861. The sisters' husbands are all staunch Unionists, and they all support the war effort. Elizabeth and Ninian move to Washington, D.C., where Ninian serves as a congressman. Emilie and John move to Tennessee, where John serves as a surgeon in the Union Army. Frances and Wallace stay in Kentucky, where Wallace farms. The sisters are all separated by the war, but they remain close in spirit. They write letters to each other and stay informed about each other's lives. They also support each other through the difficult times of the war.

The novel ends with the war's end in 1865. The sisters are all reunited, and they are all changed by the war. They have all lost loved ones, and they have all seen the horrors of war. But they have also grown stronger and more independent. They are no longer the same women they were before the war. They are now women who are determined to make a difference in the world.

Mrs. Lincoln's Sisters is a well-written and engaging novel that provides a new perspective on the Lincoln family and the history of the United States. The novel is a must-read for anyone interested in American history or in the lives of women in the 19th century.

Here are some additional details about the novel:

- The novel is based on extensive research. Jennifer Chiaverini used letters, diaries, and other historical documents to create a realistic and

accurate portrayal of the Todd sisters' lives.

- The novel is not a biography of Mary Todd Lincoln. The novel focuses on the lives of her sisters, and Mary Todd Lincoln is only a supporting character.
- The novel is a work of fiction. While the characters and events in the novel are based on real people and events, the novel is not a historical record. Chiaverini has taken some creative liberties in Free Download to tell a compelling story.

I highly recommend *Mrs. Lincoln's Sisters* to anyone interested in American history or in the lives of women in the 19th century. The novel is a well-written and engaging read that provides a new perspective on the Lincoln family and the history of the United States.



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