

# AN ANALYZING THE PORTRAYAL OF WOMEN IN VICTORIAN LITERATURE

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#### **Abstract**

The freedoms that were accessible to ladies during the Victorian period were restricted. It was accepted that their main reason in life was to satisfy the job of housewives and moms to their youngsters. Then again, during this time span, ladies supposedly was people who ought to exclusively be worried about keeping a prosperous family. By the by, all through this authentic period, ladies were forced into work jobs that were led beyond the home. Ladies who were driven into work positions beyond their homes were looked ominously by society. Since the guys in the house were not creating sufficient cash to reside, it was essential for an extraordinary number of ladies to have a kind of revenue to accommodate their families. At the point when ladies showed up at their work environments, they were not caused to feel appreciated and were frequently exposed to types of badgering. Subsequently, these ladies' workers were not acknowledged in that frame of mind (beyond the family) or in the public eye all in all. Inside the setting of this time span, the books Helen Fleetwood, Troll Market, North and South, Shirley, and Sybil all incorporate female characters who are utilized in different limits. These compositions all try to show that Victorian culture all in all has a negative view of and treatment for working ladies, no matter what their social level or the capability they play in the labor force. Then again, the general public doesn't furnish the ladies with some other accessible decisions to advance their conditions or to



advance their vocations. The compositions being referred to delineate the shaky conditions in which these functioning ladies had to work as well as how society all in all treated them.

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### 1. INTRODUCTION:

The reflection of society and culture may be seen in literature. It is common knowledge that the culture in which the author or authoress was raised has a significant impact on the literary works that they produce. A clear illustration of this may be seen in the way that women were portrayed in Victorian literature.

The Victorian era was a very different time for women than it is now. The life of a Victorian lady who belonged to the middle class was mostly centered on the life of her husband. The requirements she had were secondary and insignificant. She was supposed to be the "Angel in the House," someone who would administer the family with self-respect and encourage the upholding of moral principles.

A married woman in Victorian times did not have the ability to support herself financially. It was believed that a woman was a fragile being who required the care and attention of her husband. In the past, women were often seen as objects of the home rather than as individuals.

Since we have that far removed, let us look at how women are portrayed in probably the most notable scholarly works of this specific period. In numerous sonnets, the women are either unobtrusively given opinions and words by the male storytellers or are characteristically addressed as the ideal woman who has no voice. This generalization might be seen in both of these ways. A woman who doesn't permit her brain to wander past the joy of her significant other and the necessities of her family in general.

During the Victorian era, women were seldom presented with recently published active fictions that included creative potential of challenge. Men were the ones who told the stories of traveling,



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discovering new things, working, and exploring the world. Within the realm of Wessex, which Hardy creates, the sphere is expanded while yet being well within the realm of realism and possible. Women are employed outside the house in a variety of activities, some of which are more traditional than others. These occupations include teaching, negotiating the price of maize, acting as barmaids, launching the telegraphic system, working as milkmaids, and arranging public readings. Women are more likely to go outside of their community without male companionship, to start businesses on their own initiative, and to begin romantic relationships. To put it another way, people have a hard time bringing vitality and enthusiasm into the way they conduct their life. What is even more astonishing is the fact that they battle against all difficulties, a struggle that takes place in a society that, as Hardy states in The Return of the Native, is not hospitable to women.

#### 1.1. **Intellect and Awareness**

Barton, "the mutual attraction of two proud and powerful natures ... alike in their energy and independence" (Gilmour,53).

In contrast to the early and middle of the nineteenth century, Elizabeth Gaskell was of the opinion that women had the knowledge and social awareness necessary to address public policies, political problems, and economic concerns. In light of the fact that Nancy Henry acknowledges that industrialization led to the idea of unrestrained riches as well as the confinement of women to particular home tasks (157), she underlined the need of women having their own voice when it comes to matters of this kind. Margaret is differentiated from the other female characters in the book in order to indicate the possibility of her playing such a role. This was a groundbreaking idea for the kinds of Victorian women who were stereotyped. It is necessary, particularly when Margaret is an active woman participant along with Mary enact as she is rebelling against the traditions of her day and establishing her own for the first time, that there be equal involvement in public problems, which should be by both men and women.



women were considered "intellectually limited" which isolated them from the public world of "business, politics and serious intellectual endeavours" dominated by men (J. Parker 33). Moreover, she is depicted as: "liked the exaltation in the sense of power which these Milton men had" (Gaskell 152). This instance, when in Thornton's house, unlike other ladies who are "Employing themselves in taking notes of the dinner and criticizing each other's dress", and unlike Mrs. Thornton who is depicted as a prisoner of her "museum like home" (Harman 335), "Margaret caught a clue to the general conversation [among the gentlemen] … listened attentively" (Gaskell 151-2). Margaret's interests contrast with those of the other

## 1.2. Rise of Women Novelists and Women Poets

In this article three authors were talked about. Two of them were women and this shows the quantity of women authors in the period were on the ascent. As a matter of fact, in Victorian period female scholars attempted to guard themselves by portraying the existences of women step by step. Gaskell did it by composing and portraying the existence of a fallen lady and making her an incredible individual. Regardless of the way that the portrayal of a fallen lady was not normal these journalists made it happen and gave voice to such women who were lured by men and didn't have a decent life. Likewise, Elizabeth Braddon in Woman Audley's Mystery is depicting the existence of a lady. Woman Audley is drained with the standards and norms of male-ruled society showing the assumption for Braddon herself. She, as a lady writer, voiced her anxiety over these male-ruled guidelines by portraying the existence of an intrusive lady.

### 1.3 Marriage as a Social Ladder

Every one of the three women who were interviewed for this essay saw marriage as a rung on the social ladder. Throughout the course of Bleak House, Esther views marriage as a progression, and she discovers and appreciates it. She is satisfactory in terms of the preferences that were prevalent throughout the Victorian era. From the perspective of feminists, however, she is a very passive and inert person. As a result of her acceptance of the circumstances that the patriarchy has provided for her, she behaves in accordance with what society expects from her. One of the conclusions that may be drawn from this article is that female authors are shown as being submissive, submissive, nice, and kind individuals. For instance, in the book "Bleak House," almost all of the



female characters are virtuous, submissive, and kind. All of the ladies in the book, including Esther, Ada Clare, and a great number of others, are examples of virtuous women who behave in accordance with the standards. It is shown that they have a solid marriage and a cheerful coexistence assuming that they act as per the guidelines. Being ethical is firmly associated with being financially wealthy, and one method for accomplishing this is by wedding a well off person. For example, in the event that the two women in this article who are discouraged and crazy had been hitched to rich spouses, they would have been believed to deserve regard as ladies. Ruth is a woman who is respected to be a fallen woman since she isn't hitched, she is dejected, and she is either a vagrant or a widow. On the off chance that she had the option to depend on her rich spouse for monetary help, she probably won't have been a particularly inferior wife. To put it another way, the disappointment of Ruth to have a marriage that was financially successful is the reason for both her defeat and the crippling finish of Woman Audley's life.

# 1.4 Representation of Women as Angels in the House

In this initial segment, we will examine the idea of the heavenly messenger in the home, which is found in Charles Dickens' original Disheartening home. The principal individual that Esther serves and submits to is Mr. Jarndyece, who is her watchman, and the subsequent individual is her companion, Woodcourt. Esther is a heavenly messenger with the home. She is committed and devoted to the congruity of the family, and she is undoubtedly and definitely the ideal illustration of the Victorian ideal of the upright lady. She is a woman who keeps up with the harmony and tranquility of her significant other's home, and she is somebody who gives harmony and quiet to both her better half and her kids. The arrangement of her sustenance makes it feasible for her mate to have the more joyful day to day life that he has consistently yearned for.

Esther Summerson is the embodiment of a the woman job of an optimal lady for the Victorian time. The qualities that she has in the book incorporate, in addition to other things, the way that she is alluring, that she is a woman who is unassuming and very unobtrusive, that she hushes up, that she is constant, and that she is thankful. Most of the time, she turns out just to support others, which is a characteristic that makes her a superb parental figure and housewife. By sticking to these principles as a lady, she had the option to satisfy the assumptions that were put upon her by



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the general public that existed during her day. Charles Dickens gives us data on Esther sooner or later in the narrative. As a consequence of the way that these qualities were viewed as the arrangements for a daily existence with respect to any lady who wished to start wedded life, Victorian culture lobbied for "accommodation, discipline, and persevering work." According to the viewpoint of ladies and female characters, this is the perspective that won all through the Victorian period.

# 1.5 The Images of Women

There are two female characters in "The Grand Match," notably Nannie and a wealthy young lady. Both of these women are female. Both of these are examples of a collection of characteristics that are contrary to the preconceived notions that are traditionally associated with women. They are, nevertheless, regarded as having a great deal of dissimilarity between one another in terms of their personalities and their physical features.

The wealthy young lady is well aware of the fact that Dennis would marry her, despite the fact that she is not as pretty as the other girl, but she is not even close to being good-looking. She sat by his fire since she is the inheritor of her family's considerable wealth. She treats Dennis to her "gold" and "cows to his byre" as a young lady who has achieved a great deal of success. A further demonstration of this young lady's ability to bring herself to be a woman of thinking, autonomy, and initiative is also shown by her actions. She is capable of thinking and acting independently, as well as being able to make decisions all by herself.

#### 2. LITERATURE REVIEW

Corridor Godsey, (2008) By composing Jane Eyre, which was a disobedience to find the champion's way as a free lady, Charlotte Brontë found a reasonable method to reveal her dismissals against the school system, false reverence, embarrassment, and bigotry. This gadget was to compose Jane Eyre.

Henry, (2007) Nancy Henry brings up that "A large number of similar Victorian creators embraced private enterprise in their day-to-day routines, and whether we track down their contribution



unavoidable or two-faced, it's undeniably true that convolutes how we might interpret the way of life's perspectives toward the financial framework that so impacted their lives"

Eagleton (2005) As per the creator, the Brontë sisters experienced a daily reality such that was going through change, and subsequently, they felt the requirement for another female disposition, a more forceful methodology toward life, marriage, work, religion, moral beliefs, and their own self. Along these lines, Charlotte's works had a touchier quality; her reality was enthusiastic, hasty, sexual, and powerful, as shown by Jane Eyre. Her works were more volcanic in character. In this novel, Charlotte makes a champion who has her very own psyche, a free soul, and is searching for monetary, proficient, and profound fulfillment. Furthermore, she makes a legend who treats ladies in how they might want to be dealt with, which is as equivalents. This clever steered the female scholarly practice that was simply starting.

Kornstein, (2003) Brontë's battle for independence as a chiefly detached lady living with an oppressive dad and, thusly, inside a short marriage is displayed in this work. With the force and energy that she had in her life and the strong, yet never guiltless soul that she had, her story was her very own impression character. The book Jane Eyre, which was Brontë's most memorable work, uncovers her wrestling with the test of humanizing enthusiasm, both in her own life and in the existences of her characters. At that crossroads, Brontë puts serious areas of strength for an on the strain that exists between the lady's regular motivations and her cultural status, which may be alluded to as the contention among enthusiasm and reason. It is entirely expected for her to uncover the most private subtleties of her being to individuals who read her work.

**Lukács** (2000), The legend (or wannabe) of the novel is disappointed with life, and this disappointment drove him not exclusively to a sensational forlornness, yet in addition to a mental one. The creator accepts that this new sort of legend experiences an inconsistency concerning the outside world, which is threatening to him, and that this contradiction would probably lead him to implosion. Clearly this present circumstance was that of the human individual overall; at this point, more than whatever else, it was the condition that ladies had been in from the beginning of time.



Alexander, (2000) Through her scholarly works, Brontë lays out a differentiation between oneself controlled lady, exemplified by Jane, and the carnal nature, shown by Rochester's most memorable spouse. Moreover, she presents a new and one-of-a-kind voice of extreme force. Jane was a young lady who was exceptionally removed and a survivor of dread and the unfriendly treatment she got from adults. She was a youngster who experienced these issues. Charlotte Brontë's works are an impression of her life and the harsh guidelines that the Victorian time forced on ladies and youngsters. Destitution, sickness, and fear are everything that the two of them experience. Her trepidation shows itself in a way that is equivalent to that of Jane. Alexander noticed that Brontë was the primary creator to send a scene that associated with her own insight. He proceeds to guide out that the earnestness of Brontë's undertaking toward make sense of lady's feelings, notwithstanding the force and liveliness of her close to home universe, are promptly open to anyone.

Barker, (1998) As per what she says in her book named "The Brontës: A Daily existence in Letters," "Brontë's longings to cherish and be adored were many times covered by the craving to be free and treated similarly as a lady." The possibility that ladies of that time would just trust that their spouses will "salvage" them was something that she trusted against. In a letter that she ships off William Smith Williams, she communicates her dissatisfaction with women like these and urges him to have confidence in his girls and permit them to carry on with life in a decent way. As a feature of her promotion for ladies to have decent positions, she offers the accompanying expression: "Educators might be hard-worked, poorly paid, and disdained - however the young lady who stays at home doing nothing is more terrible off than the hardest-fashioned and most awful paid worker of a school since she isn't working." "From the profundities of my heart, I have felt sympathy for families in whose girls are holding back to trade their promises. To kill the issue of "inactivity" from their lives, she suggests that these women pick an action that they can dedicate their endeavors to taking part in. The craving that Brontë has is as per the following: "I wish every one of your girls - I wish each lady in Britain had likewise an expectation and rationale."

Gilbert and Gubar (1996) The work is broadly viewed as among the most huge and extraordinary works of sci-fi dream at any point written in English. The gothic story that Shelley composed sticks



to the qualities of the class, however it doesn't stick to the norms and limits that are related with compositions that were considered to be more authenticity during that Time of Reason. Creative mind is perceived as a course of offense in light of the muddled truth of the nineteenth 100 years with its social upset. Frankenstein shows the strength of feeling and creative mind contrary to the oppression of reason. In doing as such, Shelly changed the Gothic novel into what is currently known as sci-fi. The book takes utilization of the restricted wildernesses of human science and carries another degree of intricacy to the class of scholarly trepidation.

Allen (1991), These early Victorian creators "were at one with their public to a very striking degree; they were molded by it, as would be the situation with any writer, of course..." Those people recognized themselves with their age and filled in as delegates of it. The writers of the late Victorian time, like George Eliot, Thomas Strong, and Joseph Conrad, for instance, "were writing in some sense against their age; they were basic, even threatening, to its predominant presumption." "They were writing in some sense against their age." Their relationship with the overall crowd of peruser was more tantamount to that of authors of the 20th 100 years than it was to that of the first Victorians.

Brontë, (1981) "Ladies should be exceptionally quiet for the most part: yet ladies feel similarly as men feel; they need practice for their resources, and a field for their endeavors however much their siblings do; they experience the ill effects of too unbending a limitation, too outright a stagnation, unequivocally as men would endure; and it is extremist in their more special individual animals to say that they should restrict themselves to making puddings and weaving stockings, to playing on the piano and weaving sacks. It would be reckless to pass judgment on them or ridicule them on the off chance that they express a longing to participate in exercises or secure information that past what is viewed as fundamental for their sexuality.

Freedman (1978) he states that Jane Austen appeared to be uninterested in the Heartfelt, French, and American Upheavals; he guarantees that she decided to remain focused on the standards and values that were predominant all through the eighteenth hundred years. Disregarding the way that he knows that two of Austen's siblings served in the English Naval force during the Napoleonic Conflicts, he observes that Britain is never at battle in her works. She is viewed as the main



incredible female essayist of the English novel, notwithstanding the analysis she got from the overall population (Austen was blamed for composing a similar novel) and from female journalists many years after the fact (the Brontë sisters had an awkward outlook on the idea of her works concerning the accommodation of her courageous women and the way that marriage was their essential concern). Austen is generally known for her capacity to portray the bound presence of a common lady, in spite of the way that she is prestigious for her immaculate skill and sagacious viewpoint on cultural circumstances.

**Showalter (1977)** as a rule, as a result of the acknowledged conviction concerning works composed by ladies, as it is expressed by and found in the primary passages, there was a summed up doubt corresponding to the nature of their work, from general society by and large, yet in addition from numerous ladies. This is a conviction that is conceivable according to a women's activist point of view of today. This is on the grounds that the conviction that ladies carried a few changes to the class of the male custom is a conviction that is conceivable. Nonetheless, it is crucial for notice a couple of occurrences of ladies who have taken the clever structure to a more elevated level, including the accompanying: Brontë sisters, Emily and Charlotte.

Cecil (1958) In this article, you will feature a few captivating parts of Mrs. Gaskell, one of which is explicitly concerning the decision of nom de plume that she made. He states that other female creators, like Charlotte Brontë or George Eliot, were inflexible about their craving for independence, yet Mrs. Gaskell settled on the choice to be perceived by the overall population by uprightness of her relationship with her better half's family name. Mrs. Gaskell "was each of the a lady was supposed to be: delicate, homegrown, thoughtful, unintellectual, inclined to tears, effectively stunned," he says, notwithstanding the way that the other female creators he records are viewed as ladylike. The way that she was a run of the mill Victorian woman would be reflected in her work, regardless of the way that these words used to depict her are excessively unforgiving.

# 3. LITERARY CONTRIBUTIONS OF WOMEN IN THE VICTORIAN ERA

It is impossible to overstate the significance of the contributions that women authors made throughout the Victorian period. Not only did their writings provide readers with opportunities for



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entertainment, but they also posed a challenge to the conventions of society and opened the way for future generations of female authors. There is no question that the women have left an indelible influence on the literary world, whether it is via the novels of Jane Austen or the poetry of Elizabeth Barrett Browning.

Over the course of their publications, they investigated a wide range of issues, such as love, social justice, and the intricacies of human nature. The rich characters and thought-provoking scenarios that they create continue to attract readers and push them to engage in meaningful conversations.

# 3.1. Contemporary Relevance of Women's Writing in Victorian Literature

The influence of women's writing in Victorian literature is not limited to the particular age that it was written by. Their writings have the ability to resound with readers who are on the leading edge of literary movements and to inspire current literary movements, particularly feminism. The topics of gender equality, individualism, and social expectations that were examined by Victorian women authors continue to be relevant in today's ultra-modern world.

Furthermore, the hardships that women authors have faced inside the past serve as a reminder of the progress that has been done and the continuing fight for gender equality in the field of letters and beyond. Their perspectives and tales contribute to a more varied and inclusive understanding of literature and the impact it has on society via their contributions.

# 3.2. Criticism and Reception of Women's Writing

To start, the composition of young ladies all through the Victorian period was met with a lot of criticism and mistrust. Their works were condemned by countless male commentators as being nostalgic or ailing in scholarly earnestness. Throughout time, in any case, the artistic world came to recognize the abstract advantage and social impact that ladies' work has.



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Over the span of their professions, essayists, for example, Charlotte Brontë and George Eliot have gathered huge acknowledgment and have become as prestigious names in the domain of literature. The achievement of their objectives represented a test to the predominant orientation biases of the time and arranged the way for a scholarly climate that is more comprehensive.

# 4. UNDERSTANDING VICTORIAN LITERATURE

In order to comprehend the position of women in Victorian literature, it is of the utmost importance to acknowledge the progression of the literary works of the Victorian period. A significant number of works of Victorian literature emphasized social and ethical issues, and they typically demonstrated an experience of ethical reason. During this time period, the novel emerged as the preeminent method of literary expression, alongside poetry and a variety of other literary forms.

During the Victorian period, the topics and plots of literary works were highly promoted by the society conventions that prevailed at the time. Among the standards that were prevalent at the time were the cult of domesticity, which placed an emphasis on women's responsibilities as better halves and mothers, as well as stringent gender expectations. However, female authors of the period aspired to break free from the limits that were placed on them and allow their voices to be heard from the outside.

# 4.1 Women Writers in Victorian Literature

Various gifted young ladies arose as famous creators at a couple of levels in Victorian innovation, in spite of the way that they were exposed to the imperatives that society put on them. Those young ladies prevailed with regards to opposing ordinary assumptions and making huge commitments to abstract works from one side of the planet to the other. Writers like Jane Austen, Charlotte Brontë, Emily Brontë, and George Eliot (Mary and Evans) have become notable figures in the realm of writing, enrapturing perusers with their excellent composing skills.

At some point during this historical period, however, female authors were also subjected to a number of unsettling circumstances. In order for their writings to be recognized seriously, they



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usually had to publish them under male pseudonyms. This was necessary because to the fact that the publishing business became dominated by men. Additionally, the limited educational choices available to females acted as a barrier to their advancement within the literary world. In spite of these constraints, female authors persevered and made an unmistakable impression on the literary landscape of the Victorian period.

# 4.2. Representation of Women in Victorian Literature

In Victorian literature, females were often portrayed in ways that were stereotyped, which served to reinforce the expectations of society about femininity and domesticity. It was common practice to represent women in a manner that was submissive, virtuous, and subservient to males. On the other hand, there were a few female authors who resisted these assumptions and tackled feminist subjects in their bodies of work.

Novels such as "Pride and Prejudice" by Jane Austen and "Jane Eyre" by Charlotte Brontë defied the standards of society by including female heroines who were strong and self-reliant. Not only did these characters become symbols of empowerment, but they also generated conversations about the rights of females and gender equality.

# 4.3. Social Issues Explored in Victorian Literature

One of the functions of Victorian literature was to provide a forum for the discussion of pressing social issues of the period. The rising campaign for women's rights is reflected in the fact that Girlz's petition for the right to vote has become the most popular topic of discussion. Authors such as Elizabeth Gaskell and Mary Wollstonecraft highlighted the injustices that were faced with the assistance of women and pushed for the freedom of women.

Inequality between the sexes and the application of double standards are two examples of broad topics that emerge in Victorian literature. The writings of George Eliot, who is most known for her book "middle march," posed substantial challenges to the limited chances that are open to women and the discrepancies that exist in the treatment of women and men in society.



# 4.4. The Portrayal of Women in Some Famous Victorian Literature

AM Irvine's book "The Probationer" is generally viewed as one of the most noteworthy delineations of the place of ladies in the post-Victorian age. What's more, the book depicts the incredible skill of an autonomous lady hero, which vitrifies the characteristics of contemporary ladies' freedoms.

The depiction of women as being heavenly has been sustained by Victorian authors via the use of imagery that is surrounded by nature and color. A few examples of works that illustrate the situation of women during the Victorian era are "Govin Maket" by Christina Rossetti, "Alfred," "Laddy of Slot" by Lord Tennyson, and "Women and Roses" by Robert Browning.

Women were represented in Victorian literature as having the lunar themes of calm and purity, whilst males were portrayed as having the creative powers of the sun as their defining characteristics. It was said that the ladies were feeble and of a little size.

We are able to see the speaker's comparison of the ideal lady to a rosebush in the poem "Woman and Roses," which was written by Robert Browning. There are several references to roses throughout the poem, which serves to convey the sentiments of love and passion that women have for their husbands.

On the other hand, Charlotte Bronte's books have a motif that focuses on the professional lives of women. A governess was the most common employment for young girls and women in the middle classes throughout the Victorian era. This is shown by Jane Eyre, which demonstrates that this career was the most prevalent.

# 4.5. Morality and Sexuality of Women in Victorian Literature

At the hour of the Victorian era, it was standard for ladies to have sexual relations with only one male, specifically their mate. Be that as it may, it was viewed as typical for men to have various accomplices in their day-to-day existence. They would have illicit relationships with different ladies while their spouses stayed at home to deal with the youngsters and the assignments around



the house.During the Victorian era, sexuality was not openly tended to, and the public correspondence of sexual interactions was not thought about.

### 5. CONCLUSION

Helen Fleetwood, Troll Market, North and South, Shirley, and Sybil are a portion of the books that outline the portrayal of ladies in different work livelihoods all through the Victorian period. These portrayals feature the prohibitive social principles and limited choices that ladies experienced during this time span. Regardless of the way that they were constrained to work beyond their homes inferable from the prerequisite of monetary conditions, these women were subjected to considerable hurdles and prejudice. Those who went into the workforce were often confronted with hostility and harassment. This was due to the fact that the prevalent belief that women should largely be limited to the responsibilities of housewives and mothers continued to exist. The writings bring light on the terrible reality of the working circumstances that women from all various socioeconomic groups are forced to endure, highlighting the paucity of options that are open to them from a choice standpoint. The limitations that society imposed on women during the Victorian era made it difficult for them to question the status quo or make improvements to their conditions. The accounts, when taken as a whole, provide light on the inequitable treatment and hazardous working conditions that working women were forced to suffer. This helps to provide a more comprehensive picture of the gender dynamics and cultural norms that were prominent in Victorian culture. As we contemplate the challenges that these women have encountered, it is of the utmost importance to acknowledge the historical background and the constraints that have been imposed by the system that have formed their lives. These writings serve as powerful reminders of the need of social change and the acceptance of women's rights. They advocate for a society that is more inclusive and equal, one in which women are given the chance to pursue a variety of roles without being subjected to prejudice or opposition.



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