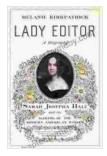
Sarah Josepha Hale: The Making of the **Modern American Woman**



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Sarah Josepha Hale was a remarkable woman who left an indelible mark on American history. As an author, editor, and activist, she tirelessly advocated for women's rights, education, and equality. Her most famous work, the poem "Mary Had a Little Lamb," is still beloved by children today.

Hale was born in New Hampshire in 1788. She was the daughter of a farmer and a schoolteacher. Hale's early life was marked by tragedy. Her mother died when she was only six years old, and her father remarried a woman who was cruel to Hale and her siblings. Despite these challenges, Hale was determined to get an education.

Hale began writing poetry and short stories at a young age. In 1827, she published her first novel, "Northwood." The novel was a critical and commercial success, and it helped to establish Hale as a leading literary figure. In 1837, Hale became the editor of the influential magazine "Godey's Lady's Book." Under Hale's leadership, the magazine became a powerful force for women's rights.

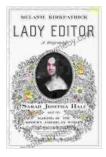
Hale was a passionate advocate for women's education. She believed that women should have the same opportunities as men to learn and grow. Hale

also campaigned for women's suffrage. She argued that women were just as capable as men of participating in government.

In addition to her work as an author and editor, Hale was also a tireless activist. She founded the Seaman's Aid Society, which provided assistance to sailors and their families. Hale also worked to improve the lives of immigrants and the poor.

Hale's legacy is complex and multifaceted. She was a pioneer for women's rights, but she also held some views that we would find objectionable today. For example, Hale believed that women should be subordinate to men. However, there is no doubt that Hale made a significant contribution to American history. Her work helped to shape the role of women in American society, and her legacy continues to inspire women today.

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