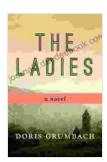
## **Doris Grumbach: The Woman Behind the** "Ladies' Novel"





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Doris Grumbach was an American novelist, essayist, and critic who wrote extensively about the lives of women. Her work has been praised for its insights into the female experience, and she has been credited with helping to shape the way we think about gender and sexuality.

Grumbach was born in New York City in 1923. She attended Barnard College and Columbia University, where she studied English literature. After graduating from Columbia, she worked as a journalist and editor before turning to writing fiction.

Grumbach's first novel, "The Company of Women," was published in 1964. The novel tells the story of a group of women who meet for dinner every month. The women come from different backgrounds and have different experiences, but they are all united by their shared experience of being women.

"The Company of Women" was a critical and commercial success. It was praised for its realistic portrayal of female friendships and for its insights into the female experience. The novel has since been translated into several languages and has been adapted for the stage and screen.

Grumbach went on to write several more novels, including "The Daughters of Joshua Cabe" (1970), "Chamber Music" (1978), and "The Marriage Bed" (1982). Her work has been praised for its intelligence, wit, and compassion. She has been described as "one of the most important writers of her generation."

In addition to her novels, Grumbach also wrote several essays and reviews on literature and culture. Her work has been published in The New York Times, The New Republic, and Partisan Review. She has also taught at

several universities, including Princeton University and the University of

lowa.

Grumbach died in 2014 at the age of 90. She left behind a legacy of work

that continues to inspire and challenge readers.

**Grumbach's Work: A Feminist Perspective** 

Grumbach's work is often described as feminist. However, she did not

always identify herself as a feminist. In an interview, she said, "I don't think

of myself as a feminist writer. I think of myself as a writer who happens to

be a woman."

Nevertheless, Grumbach's work has had a profound impact on feminism.

Her novels and essays have helped to shape the way we think about

gender and sexuality. She has challenged traditional stereotypes of women

and has given voice to the experiences of women who have been

marginalized.

Grumbach's work is essential reading for anyone interested in feminism

and women's literature. Her writing is intelligent, witty, and compassionate.

She is a master of language and a keen observer of human nature.

Doris Grumbach was a remarkable woman and writer. Her work has had a

profound impact on American literature and feminist thought. She will be

remembered as one of the most important writers of her generation.

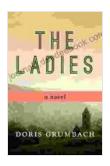
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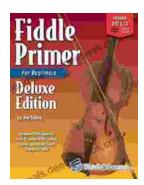
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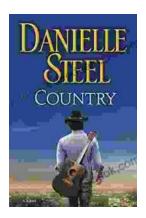
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