

Unveiling the Enchanting World of Daphne Du Maurier and Her Literary Sisters



Daphne Du Maurier, the acclaimed author of beloved novels such as "Rebecca," "Jamaica Inn," and "My Cousin Rachel," left an indelible mark on the literary landscape. Yet, beyond her own extraordinary talent, she was surrounded by a constellation of remarkable women who played pivotal roles in shaping her artistic destiny.

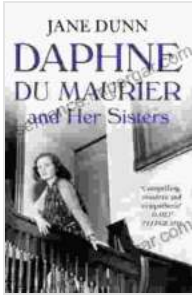
Daphne du Maurier and her Sisters by Jane Dunn

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In her captivating new book, "Daphne Du Maurier and Her Sisters," author Helen Hitchings embarks on a captivating exploration of the lives and literary influences of Daphne and her sisters, Angela and Jeanne. Through meticulously researched accounts and intimate glimpses into their private lives, Hitchings unveils the intricate tapestry of their shared passions, inspirations, and the profound impact they had on one another's creative endeavors.

Angela Du Maurier: The Literary Agent and Confidante

Angela Du Maurier, Daphne's elder sister, was a formidable force in her own right. As Daphne's literary agent, Angela played a pivotal role in guiding her sister's career, negotiating contracts, and ensuring that her works reached the widest possible audience.

Beyond her professional acumen, Angela was also Daphne's trusted confidante and a constant source of encouragement. Their close bond, forged through shared childhood experiences and a deep mutual respect, provided Daphne with a bedrock of support throughout her life.

Jeanne Du Maurier: The Talented Artist and Muse

Jeanne Du Maurier, the youngest of the three sisters, was a gifted artist whose vibrant paintings often served as inspiration for Daphne's writing. Jeanne's keen observation of the natural world and her ability to capture its beauty on canvas found its way into Daphne's evocative descriptions and atmospheric settings.

In addition to her artistic contributions, Jeanne was also an influential muse to her sister. Her portrayal of strong, independent women in her paintings resonated deeply with Daphne and influenced the development of memorable characters such as Rebecca and Jamaica Inn's Mary Yellan.

The Influence of Their Father, Sir Gerald du Maurier

While the sisters Du Maurier were undeniably talented individuals, the influence of their father, Sir Gerald du Maurier, should not be underestimated. A celebrated actor and playwright, Sir Gerald instilled in his daughters a love of theater, literature, and the arts.

Sir Gerald's own literary pursuits, including his successful plays and novels, provided a fertile ground for his daughters' creative imaginations. Their shared passion for storytelling and their close-knit family environment fostered an atmosphere that encouraged artistic expression and intellectual curiosity.

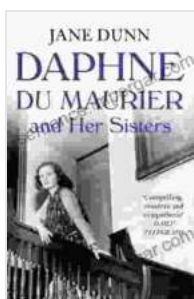
Shared Themes and Literary Legacy

Despite their individual strengths and unique artistic voices, Daphne, Angela, and Jeanne Du Maurier shared a number of common themes in their work. Their writing often explored themes of love, loss, betrayal, and the complexities of human relationships.

They also shared a fascination with the power of the imagination and the ability of storytelling to transport readers to other realms. Their collective literary legacy continues to captivate audiences worldwide, inspiring adaptations for film, television, and stage.

"Daphne Du Maurier and Her Sisters" is a testament to the enduring power of family, love, and artistic collaboration. Helen Hitchings' meticulous research and insightful analysis reveal the extraordinary bond that connected these three remarkable women and the profound impact they had on one another's lives and work.

By shedding light on the shared influences, passions, and creative aspirations of the Du Maurier sisters, this book not only provides a deeper understanding of their individual contributions but also illuminates the transformative power of collaboration and the enduring legacy of female storytelling.



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