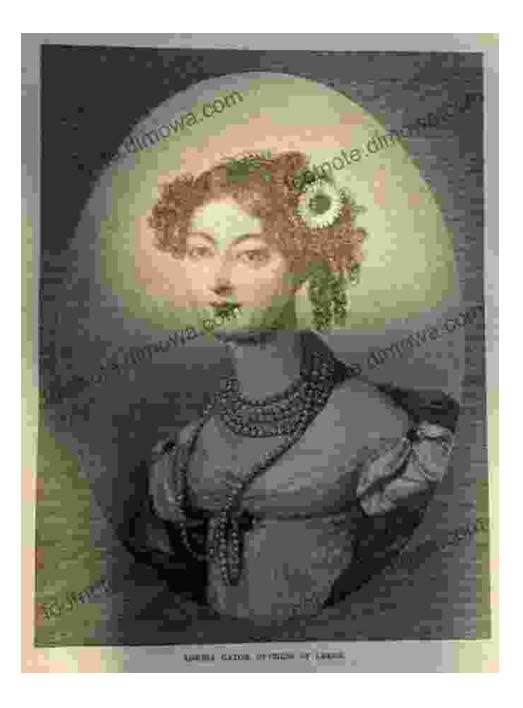
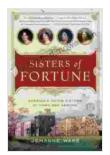
### **America's Caton Sisters: At Home and Abroad**





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In the annals of American history, the Caton sisters stand out as extraordinary figures. As heiresses to one of the nation's greatest fortunes, they lived a life of opulence and luxury. But beyond their wealth, they were also renowned for their intelligence, philanthropy, and thirst for adventure. Their story is a fascinating glimpse into the upper echelons of American society in the 19th century.

#### The Caton Fortune

The Caton sisters were born into a family of immense wealth. Their father, Richard Caton, was a successful merchant and one of the founders of Baltimore. His fortune was estimated to be in the millions, making him one of the richest men in the United States.

The sisters inherited their father's wealth upon his death in 1833. Mary, the eldest, received the largest share, followed by Louisa and Elizabeth. The sisters used their inheritance to live a life of comfort and luxury, but they also dedicated a significant portion of it to philanthropy and charitable causes.

#### Life in Baltimore

The Caton sisters were prominent members of Baltimore society. They lived in a grand mansion in the city's most fashionable neighborhood and

hosted lavish parties that were attended by the city's elite. The sisters were known for their impeccable taste and were often featured in society magazines.

In addition to their social activities, the Caton sisters were also involved in a variety of philanthropic endeavors. They supported local charities, hospitals, and schools. They also founded the Caton Orphan Asylum, which provided care for homeless children.

#### **Travels Abroad**

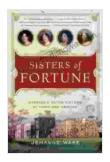
The Caton sisters were avid travelers. They visited Europe multiple times, spending time in London, Paris, and Rome. They were particularly interested in art and culture and often visited museums and galleries. The sisters also had a keen interest in history and politics, and they met with prominent figures such as Queen Victoria and the Prince of Wales.

The Caton sisters' travels were not limited to Europe. They also visited the Middle East, North Africa, and Asia. They were among the first American women to travel to these regions, and they were fascinated by the different cultures and landscapes they encountered.

#### Impact on American Society

The Caton sisters were influential figures in American society. Their wealth and social status gave them a platform to speak out on important issues of the day. They were outspoken advocates for women's rights and education. The sisters also used their wealth to support the arts and culture, and they helped to establish the Baltimore Museum of Art. The Caton sisters' legacy is one of wealth, philanthropy, and adventure. They were pioneers in their own way, breaking down barriers and living life on their own terms. Their story is a fascinating glimpse into the upper echelons of American society in the 19th century.

The Caton sisters were extraordinary women who lived extraordinary lives. They were wealthy, intelligent, and philanthropic, and they used their fortune to make a positive impact on the world. Their story is a testament to the power of women and the importance of following your dreams.



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