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Sommario/riassunto	<p>This group biography follows the four Ashurst sisters, contemporaries of Queen Victoria, who rebelled against the limitations of their era to become influential activists. Raised by progressive parents in a London household with few boundaries between private life and public engagement, Eliza, Caroline, Matilda, and Emilie Ashurst built sophisticated transnational networks advancing anti-slavery, Italian unification, and women’s rights across Britain, Europe, and America. Through strategic marriages, literary production, and connections with revolutionaries like Giuseppe Mazzini, the family nurtured others to campaign for change. Spanning three generations (1791-1933), this book illuminates the understudied role of kinship in nineteenth-century reform movements. The Ashurst Sisters demonstrates how middle-class Victorian women could shape international culture and political discourse through strategic networking and persistent activism. Despite their formal exclusion from power, they found new ways to influence society through translating innovative texts, fundraising for causes, and publishing calls for change. Allison Scardino Belzer is Professor of History at Georgia Southern University, USA, specializing in modern Italy and Britain. She published <i>Women and the Great War: Femininity under Fire in Italy</i> with Palgrave Macmillan in 2010.</p>