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Sommario/riassunto	The Beecher sisters-Catharine, Harriet, and Isabella-were three of the most prominent women in nineteenth-century America. Daughters of the famous evangelist Lyman Beecher, they could not follow their father and seven brothers into the ministry. Nonetheless, they carved out pathbreaking careers for themselves. Catharine Beecher founded the Hartford Female Seminary and devoted her life to improving women's education. Harriet Beecher Stowe became world famous as the author of Uncle Tom's Cabin. Isabella Beecher Hooker was an outspoken

advocate for women's rights. This engrossing book is a joint biography of the sisters, whose lives spanned the full course of the nineteenth century. The life of Isabella Beecher-who has never been the subject of a biography-is examined in particular detail here. Drawing on little used sources, Barbara White explores Isabella's political development and her interactions with her sisters and with prominent people of the time-from Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton to Mark Twain.

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