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Sommario/riassunto	Elizabeth Sabiston examines works by Jane Austen, Charlotte and Emily Bronte, Elizabeth Gaskell, and George Eliot, offering a fresh perspective on the transition of women writers from the private to the public sphere. What emerges, particularly in comparisons of the factory novels of Gaskell with the slavery writings of Harriet Beecher Stowe, is a portrait of the subversive and influential strategies these writers used to transcend national and gender boundaries.

