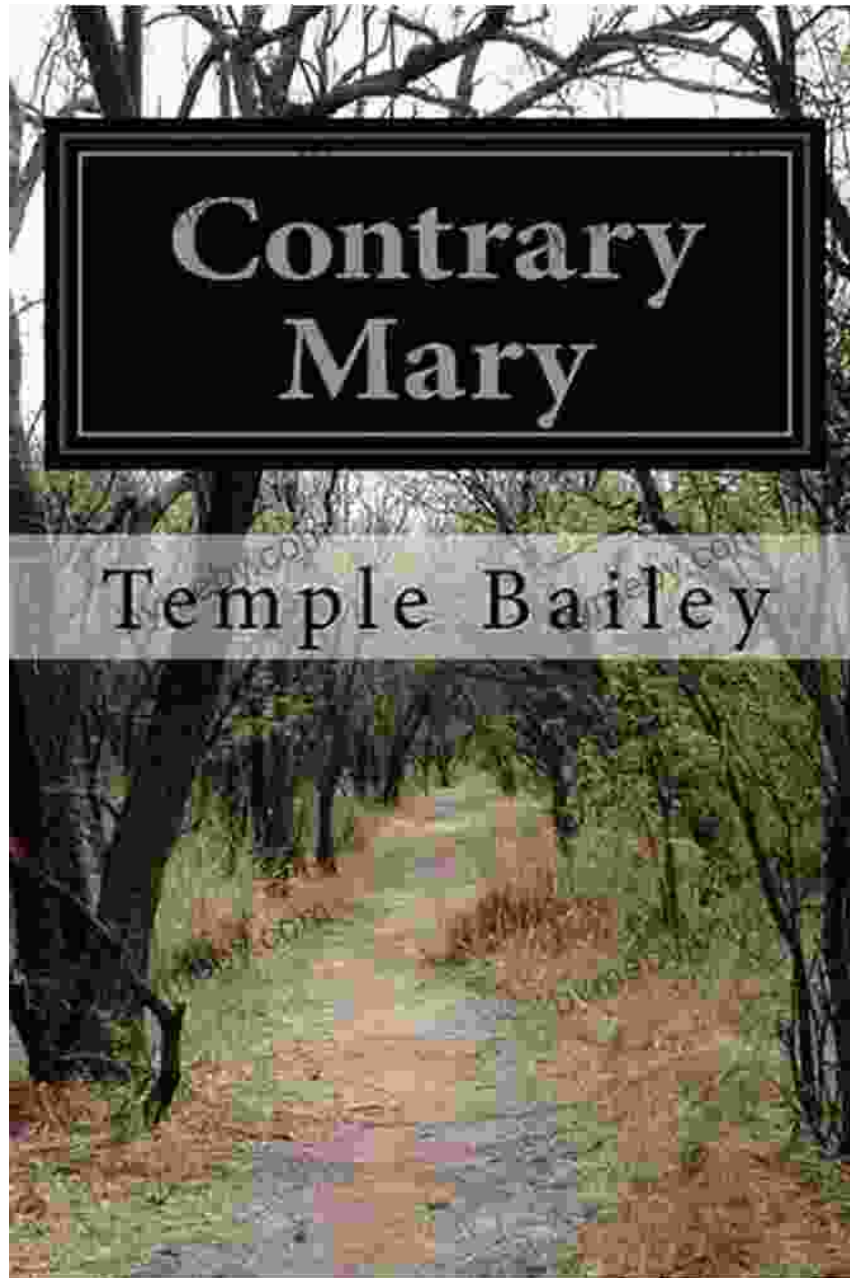
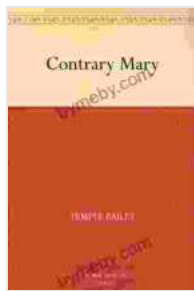


Contrary Mary: A Tale of a Spirited Young Woman



Step into the pages of *Contrary Mary*, a captivating novel by Temple Bailey that paints a vivid portrait of a young woman's journey of self-discovery and resilience in the early 20th century.

Mary Hastings is a force of nature. Spirited, independent, and determined to forge her own path, she defies societal norms and expectations. As the daughter of a wealthy and prominent family, Mary's life is one of privilege and comfort. However, beneath the surface lies a restless spirit yearning for something more.



Contrary Mary by Temple Bailey

★★★★☆ 4.5 out of 5

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Text-to-Speech : Enabled
Screen Reader : Supported
Enhanced typesetting : Enabled
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Print length : 251 pages
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When her beloved father passes away, Mary is left to navigate the complexities of her inheritance and the expectations of her family. Refusing to be confined by tradition, she sets out to explore the world and find her own purpose.

Her journey takes her from the opulent ballrooms of New York City to the rugged landscapes of the American West. Along the way, she encounters a diverse cast of characters who challenge her beliefs and help her to grow as a person.

There's the charming and enigmatic artist, Roger Meredith, who stirs her heart with his passion and unconventional spirit. And the wise and

compassionate Dr. John Alden, who becomes her mentor and guide as she navigates the complexities of life.

As Mary embraces her independence, she also learns the importance of forging meaningful connections. She befriends a group of strong and independent women who support and inspire her.

Through her trials and tribulations, Mary's spirit remains unyielding. She learns to overcome adversity, embrace her imperfections, and live life on her own terms.

Contrary Mary is a timeless story that celebrates the resilience and determination of women. It is a novel that will resonate with readers of all ages, inspiring them to embrace their own unique paths and to never compromise their dreams.

About the Author

Temple Bailey (1861-1951) was an American novelist and short story writer. She was known for her heartwarming and uplifting stories that explored the lives of women and families.

Bailey's writing style is characterized by its细腻的 characterization, engaging plots, and optimistic outlook on life. Her novels have been translated into several languages and continue to be enjoyed by readers around the world.

Themes Explored in Contrary Mary

- The importance of female independence and self-discovery
- The power of resilience and determination

- The value of meaningful connections
- The complexities of love and relationships
- The search for purpose and meaning in life

Reviews

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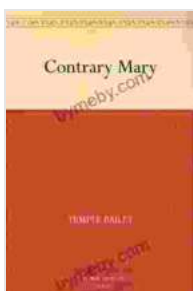
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