



Their Other Side: Six American Women and the Lure of Italy

By Helen Barolini

Fordham University Press. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Their Other Side: Six American Women and the Lure of Italy, Helen Barolini, Our lives are Swiss, Emily Dickinson wrote in 1859, So still - so cool. But over the Alps, Italy stands the other side. For Dickinson, as for many other writers and artists, Italy has been the land of light, a seductive source of invention, enchantment, and freedom. So it was for Helen Barolini, who, as a student in Rome after World War II, wrote her first poetry and gave birth to her own creative life, reinvigorating her mother tongue. In this book, Barolini celebrates the lives of other women whose imaginations succumbed to the lure of Italy. Here Barolini profiles six gifted women transformed by Italy's mythic appeal. Unlike Barolini herself, they were not daughters of the great Italian diaspora. Rather, they were drawn to an idea of Italy and its gifts-in whose welcome a new self could be created. Or discovered. Emily Dickinson traveled to Italy only in the imaginative genius of her verse. Margaret Fuller struggled alongside her Italian lover in the political revolutions that gave birth to the Italian Republic, while the novelist and short-story...

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