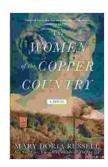
# The Women of the Copper Country: A Historical Novel

The Women of the Copper Country is a historical novel that tells the story of the women who lived and worked in the copper mines of Michigan's Upper Peninsula in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. These women faced many challenges, including discrimination, poverty, and violence. But they also found ways to create community and support each other. The novel is a powerful and moving tribute to the strength and resilience of women.



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by Mary Doria Russell

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## The Setting

The Copper Country is a region in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan that was once home to some of the world's largest copper mines. The mines were first opened in the 1840s, and by the late 19th century, the Copper

Country was a major center of copper production. The mines attracted thousands of workers from all over the world, including many women.

The women who worked in the copper mines faced many challenges. They were often paid less than men for the same work, and they were often subjected to discrimination and harassment. They also faced the dangers of working in a mine, including cave-ins, explosions, and fires.

#### The Characters

The Women of the Copper Country follows the lives of several women who worked in the copper mines. These women come from different backgrounds and have different experiences, but they are all united by their strength and resilience. The novel's main characters include:

- Sofia Jaskinia is a Polish immigrant who works as a stamp mill operator. She is a strong and independent woman who is determined to make a better life for herself and her family.
- Mary Trebilcock is a Cornish immigrant who works as a trammer. She
  is a kind and compassionate woman who is always willing to help
  others.
- Elizabeth "Bessie" Pascoe is a Native American woman who works as a cook. She is a wise and resourceful woman who is deeply connected to the land.

## The Story

The Women of the Copper Country tells the story of these women's lives and struggles. The novel follows them as they work in the mines, raise their families, and fight for their rights. The novel also explores the relationships

between the women and the men in their lives, including their husbands, fathers, and brothers.

The Women of the Copper Country is a powerful and moving story of strength, resilience, and community. It is a story that will stay with you long after you finish reading it.

#### The Author

Mary Doria Russell is the author of The Women of the Copper Country. She is also the author of several other acclaimed historical novels, including The Sparrow and Children of God. Russell is a gifted storyteller who has a deep understanding of history and human nature. Her novels are both entertaining and thought-provoking, and they offer a unique perspective on the past.

#### Reviews

The Women of the Copper Country has received widespread critical acclaim. Here are a few excerpts from reviews:

- "A powerful and moving story of strength, resilience, and community." The New York Times
- "A must-read for anyone interested in women's history or the history of the American labor movement." -The Washington Post
- "A beautifully written and deeply moving novel that will stay with you long after you finish reading it." -The Chicago Tribune

### **Further Reading**

If you enjoyed The Women of the Copper Country, you may also enjoy these other books:

- The Jungle by Upton Sinclair
- The Grapes of Wrath by John Steinbeck
- Ragtime by E.L. Doctorow

# **Image Gallery**

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