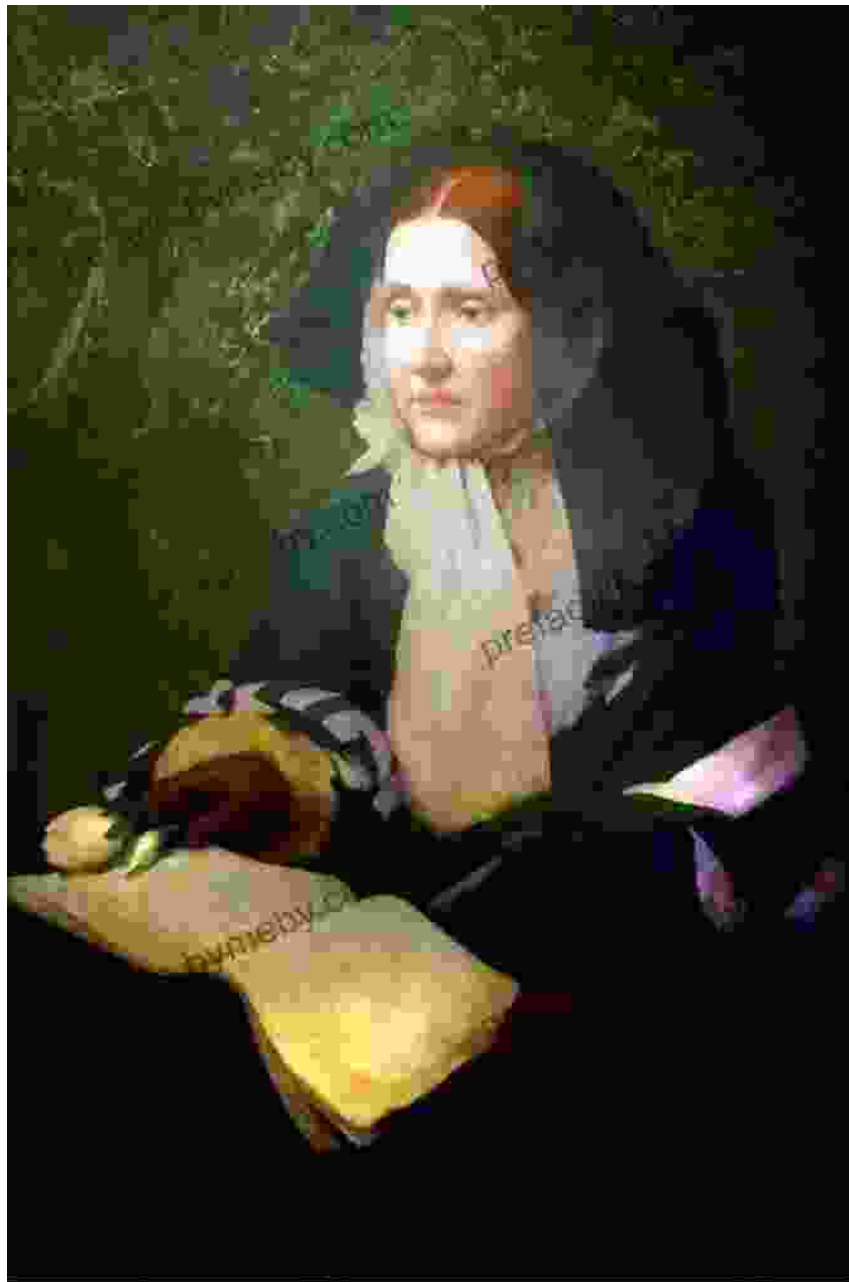
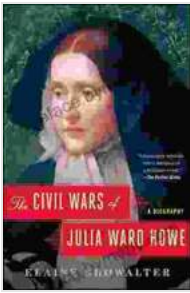


# The Civil Wars of Julia Ward Howe



Julia Ward Howe was a woman of extraordinary courage and conviction. Born into a wealthy and privileged family in 1819, she defied societal expectations and became a passionate advocate for freedom and equality. Her life was marked by profound personal struggles, unwavering determination, and a remarkable impact on the course of American history.



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In her youth, Julia was a rebellious and independent spirit. She embraced transcendentalism, a philosophical movement that emphasized individualism and a connection to nature. At the age of 22, she married Samuel Gridley Howe, a renowned physician and abolitionist. Together, they founded the Perkins School for the Blind in Boston, a pioneering institution that transformed the lives of countless visually impaired individuals.

### **The Outbreak of the Civil War**

The outbreak of the Civil War in 1861 profoundly divided the nation. Julia's husband, Samuel, enlisted in the Union Army, while her brother-in-law fought for the Confederacy. Julia herself became a staunch supporter of the Union cause and used her writing and public speaking skills to rally support for the abolition of slavery.

In December 1861, Julia visited a Union camp outside Washington, D.C. As she watched the troops marching into battle, she was inspired to write the lyrics to "Battle Hymn of the Republic." The song, set to the melody of

"John Brown's Body," quickly became an anthem of the Union cause. Julia's powerful words captured the spirit of the conflict and resonated with people across the country.

## **Love, Loss, and the Fight for Freedom**

Julia's personal life during the Civil War was a tapestry of love, loss, and triumph. Her husband, Samuel, was wounded in battle and nearly died. Julia's son, Henry, was killed in action at the age of 20. Despite these tragedies, Julia remained steadfast in her commitment to the cause of freedom.

After the war, Julia continued to advocate for women's rights and social justice. She co-founded the American Woman Suffrage Association and played a leading role in the movement to secure voting rights for women. She also wrote extensively on topics such as religion, philosophy, and the education of women.

## **Legacy of a True American Heroine**

Julia Ward Howe died in 1910 at the age of 91. She left behind a remarkable legacy of courage, compassion, and unwavering commitment to the principles of freedom and equality. Her story is a testament to the indomitable spirit of those who fight for a better world.

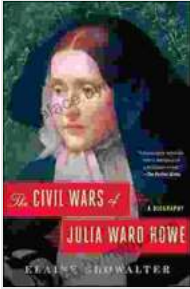
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