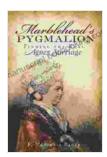
### Marblehead Pygmalion: Uncovering the Enigmatic Agnes Surriage

In the annals of history, the name Agnes Surriage stands as an enigmatic figure, her true identity shrouded in mystery and speculation. Now, with the publication of "Marblehead Pygmalion: Finding the Real Agnes Surriage," acclaimed author and historian John L. Allen unveils the meticulously researched true story of this remarkable woman.

#### **Unraveling the Tapestry of History**

Allen's journey to uncover the truth began with an intriguing piece of folklore: the tale of a beautiful young woman from Marblehead, Massachusetts, who became the mistress and eventual wife of Sir Francis Bernard, the last Royal Governor of the Province of Massachusetts Bay. However, as Allen delved deeper into the historical record, he discovered that the legend was far more complex and captivating than he had imagined.



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#### **A Woman of Substance**

Contrary to the popular portrayal of Agnes Surriage as a mere pawn in a scandalous love affair, Allen's research reveals a woman of extraordinary resilience, intelligence, and agency. Born into a humble family of Scottish immigrants, Agnes possessed an indomitable spirit that defied societal norms. Her natural charm and quick wit drew the attention of Sir Francis Bernard, a man known for his sophistication and connections to the British Royal Family.



Despite the vast social divide that separated them, Agnes and Bernard embarked on a clandestine affair that eventually blossomed into a deep and abiding love. However, their relationship was met with fierce opposition from Bernard's political rivals, who saw Agnes as an unsuitable match for the governor.

#### The Crucible of Revolution

As tensions mounted in the colonies leading up to the American Revolution, Bernard's loyalty to the British Crown placed him in a perilous position. Agnes, ever the loyal companion, stood by his side throughout his tumultuous tenure as governor. When Bernard was finally forced to flee to England, Agnes accompanied him, leaving behind her family and homeland.

In exile, Agnes faced a life of uncertainty and hardship. Yet, she never wavered in her devotion to Bernard. Together, they navigated the challenges of a new world, relying on their deep bond to sustain them.

#### A Legacy of Love and Resilience

Agnes Surriage's story is not simply a tale of a forbidden love but a testament to the indomitable spirit of a woman who defied conventions and triumphed over adversity. Allen's groundbreaking work restores her to her rightful place in history as a fascinating and complex figure.

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the shadows as a woman of remarkable strength, resilience, and

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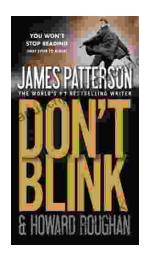
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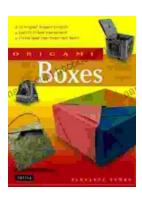
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