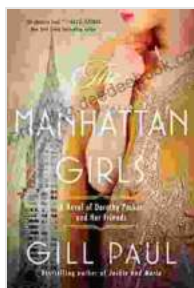


# The Enduring Wit and Legacy of Dorothy Parker and Her Friends

In the heart of New York City's vibrant Jazz Age, a group of brilliant writers, artists, and eccentrics gathered around a table at the Algonquin Hotel. Led by the acerbic wit Dorothy Parker, this circle of friends became known as the Algonquin Round Table. Their lively conversations, sharp witticisms, and profound insights left an enduring legacy on American literature and culture.



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## Dorothy Parker: The Queen of Wit



Dorothy Parker was born in 1893 into a wealthy family in New Jersey. She began her writing career as a journalist, but it was her short stories and poems that made her famous. Parker's writing was characterized by its razor-sharp wit, social commentary, and wry observations on life and love. Her most famous short story, "Big Blonde," remains a classic of American literature.

### **The Algonquin Round Table**

In the early 1920s, Parker joined a group of writers and artists who met regularly for lunch at the Algonquin Hotel. This group came to be known as the Algonquin Round Table. Among its members were the playwright George S. Kaufman, the critic Alexander Woollcott, the humorist Robert Benchley, and the actress Edna Ferber. The Round Table became a haven for witty banter, literary discussions, and social commentary.

### **The Literary Legacy of Dorothy Parker and Her Friends**

Dorothy Parker and her circle left an enduring mark on American literature. Their writing was characterized by its wit, intelligence, and social commentary. They were not afraid to tackle difficult subjects, such as love, marriage, and the changing roles of women in society. Their work continues to be read and enjoyed by generations of readers.

### **Personal Lives and Friendships**

The members of the Algonquin Round Table were not only brilliant writers but also fascinating individuals with their own unique personal lives. Dorothy Parker's marriage to Edwin Parker was tumultuous, and she had several affairs with other writers and artists. Robert Benchley was known for his love of practical jokes, while Edna Ferber was a successful playwright and novelist. The friendships between the members of the Round Table were complex and often fraught with drama, but they also provided a sense of community and support.

### **The Enduring Appeal of Dorothy Parker**

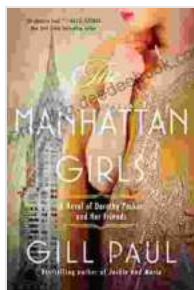
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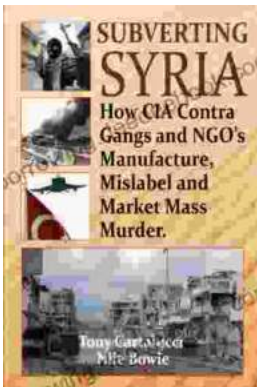
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