

Biography — Sarah Josepha Hale

To My Countrywomen: The Life of Sarah Josepha Hale

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The illustrated juvenile biography of America's first woman editor. An early activist for women's education and property rights, Hale is best known for her role in the establishment of the national holiday of Thanksgiving and as the author of the poem "Mary's Lamb."

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During her life, Sarah Josepha Hale:

- ☞ *was widowed with five young children*
- ☞ *was the first American woman to write a best-selling novel: Northwood*
- ☞ *supported her family through her writing*
- ☞ *was the first female magazine editor in the United States*
- ☞ *wrote "Mary Had a Little Lamb"*
- ☞ *supported the completion of the Bunker Hill Monument and the saving of Mount Vernon*
- ☞ *supported the Perkins School for the Blind*
- ☞ *worked for women's property rights*
- ☞ *championed America's national Thanksgiving holiday*



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