



The Mysterious Death of Mary Rogers

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Oxford University Press Inc, United States, 1997. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Reprint. 203 x 135 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.In the summer of 1841, Mary Rogers disappeared without a trace from her New York City boarding house. Three days later, her body, badly bruised and waterlogged, was found floating in the shallow waters of the Hudson River just a few feet from the Jersey shore. Her story, parlayed into a long celebrated unsolved mystery, became grist for penny presses, social reformers, and politicians alike, and an impetus for popular literature, including Edgar Allan Poe s pioneering detective story The Mystery of Marie Roget. In The Mysterious Death of Mary Rogers, historian Amy Gilman Srebnick brilliantly recaptures the story of Mary Rogers, showing how Rogers represented an emerging class of women who took advantage of the greater economic and sexual opportunities available to them in urban America, and how her death became a touchstone for the voicing of mid-nineteenth century concerns over sexual license, the changing roles of women, law and order, and abortion. Rogers s death, first thought due to a murderous gang of rapists and later tacitly understood to be the result...



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