



The Fierce Dispute: A Novel

By Santmyer, Helen Hooven

Condition: New. Ships From Canada. New in new dust jacket. Sewn binding. Cloth over boards. 288 p. Audience: General/trade. From Publishers Weekly The success of ""And Ladies of the Club"" has prompted reissue of the author's earlier works. This novel, her second, was originally published in 1929 and the years have not been kind. Dated in form and content, it is what was once called a ""woman's book,"" but a contemporary audience will find its simple sentimentality tame. In the Ohio town familiar to readers of Santmyer's other works, a genteel matriarchy lives in a once magnificent, now dilapidated family manse behind a locked iron gate. The trio, consisting of the disapproving grandmother, Mrs. Baird, her shamed daughter Hilary and granddaughter Lucy Anne, live cut off from the rest of the community. The tension between mother and daughter for the child's spirit and affection propels the plot, which hinges on the mystery surrounding the child's father, a musician, and the rosewood piano in the.



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