Tales of Glass Town, Angria, and Gondal: Selected Early Writings

By Christine Alexander

BRAND NEW, Tales of Glass Town, Angria, and Gondal: Selected Early Writings, Christine Alexander, 'We pretended we had each a large island inhabited by people 6 miles high.' In their collaborative early writings the Brontes created and peopled the most extraordinary fantasy worlds, whose geography and history they elaborated in numerous stories, poems, and plays. Together they invented characters based on heroes and writers such as Wellington, Napoleon, Scott, and Byron, whose feuds, alliances, and love affairs weave an intricate web of social and political intrigue in imaginary colonial lands in Africa and the Pacific Ocean. The writings of Glass Town, Angria, and Gondal are youthful experiments in imitation and parody, wild romance and realistic recording; they demonstrate the playful literary world that provided a 'myth kitty' for their early - and later - work. In this generous selection the writings of Charlotte, Emily, Anne, and Branwell are presented together for the first time. The Introduction explores the rich imaginative lives of the Brontes, and the tension between their maturing authorship and creative freedom. The edition also includes Charlotte Bronte’s Roe Head Journal, and Emily and Anne’s Diary Papers, important autobiographical sources. ABOUT...

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