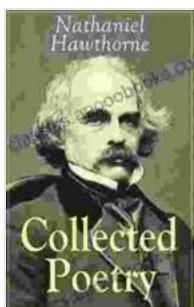


Unlock the Literary Legacy of Nathaniel Hawthorne: Selected Poems of the Renowned Author of *The Scarlet Letter* and *The House of the Seven Gables*

Nathaniel Hawthorne: Master of the Macabre and More

Nathaniel Hawthorne, the celebrated American author, is renowned for his haunting and atmospheric works that explore the complexities of human nature. While his novels, such as *The Scarlet Letter* and *The House of the Seven Gables*, have garnered widespread acclaim, his poetic output remains a hidden gem waiting to be discovered.



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Selected Poems: A Window into Hawthorne's Soul

Beyond his prose, Hawthorne's literary prowess extended to the realm of poetry. His Selected Poems offer a glimpse into his multifaceted mind, showcasing his keen observation of the human condition, his fascination with the supernatural, and his mastery of language.

Glimmers of Gothic and Symbolism

Hawthorne's poems often bear the hallmarks of his Gothic sensibilities. They delve into themes of guilt, isolation, and the haunting consequences of past actions. Symbolism permeates his verses, where objects and images take on deeper meanings and evoke a sense of mystery.

NIGHTFALL

(Terminus Ad Quem)

Breaching silence worries glean
Upon mine nerves as thus they lean
From realms beyond that are unseen,
As nightfall lingers nigh.

Why beget to me this last concern,
As astir the candles onward burn
Amid the hours that slowly churn
Toward the grim and graven chill.

Despair doth thunder upon mine ear,
For outward on I shall forward steer
Toward where the end is yet unclear,
As nightfall lingers nigh.

O' the shadows shift and turnabout,
Faith and hope are fraught with doubt,
As from this night I am summon'd out
Into the grim and graven chill!

O' alas, afar I fade from earthly light
To e'er wingéd forth in silent flight,
So dread thee that which lies from sight,
As nightfall always lingers nigh!

The Realm of Imagination

Hawthorne's poems also showcase his vivid imagination. He weaves fantastical scenarios, conjuring up images of ancient forests, haunted houses, and otherworldly beings. These flights of fancy provide a glimpse into the author's boundless creativity.

Hawthorne

MAY 23, 1864

How beautiful it was, that one bright day
In the long week of rain!
Though all its splendor could not chase away
The omnipresent pain.

The lovely town was white with apple-blooms,
And the great elms o'erhead
Dark shadows wove on their airy boughs
Shot through with golden threads.

Across the meadows, by the gray old manse,
The historic river flowed;
I was as one who wanders in a trance,
Unconscious of his road.

The faces of familiar friends seemed strange;
Their voices I could hear.
And yet the words they uttered seemed to change
Their meaning to my ear.

For the one face I looked for was not there.
The only low voice was mute;
Only an unseen presence filled the air
And baffled my pursuit.

Now I look back, and meadow, manse, and stream,
Dimly my thought defines;
I only see—a dream within a dream—
The hill-top hearsed with pines.

I only hear above this place of rest
Their tender undertone,
The infinite longings of a troubled breast,
The voice so like his own.

There in seclusion and remote from men
The wizard hand lies cold,
Which at its topmost speed let fall the pen,
And left the tale half told.

Ah! who shall lift that wand of magic power,
And the lost crew regain?
The unfinished window in Aladdin's tower
Unfinished must remain!

 Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

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Hawthorne's poems transport readers to a realm of imagination, where the boundaries of reality blur.

Romantic Sensibilities

Hawthorne's poetry exhibits Romantic undertones, reflecting his fascination with nature, the power of emotions, and the search for truth. He explores

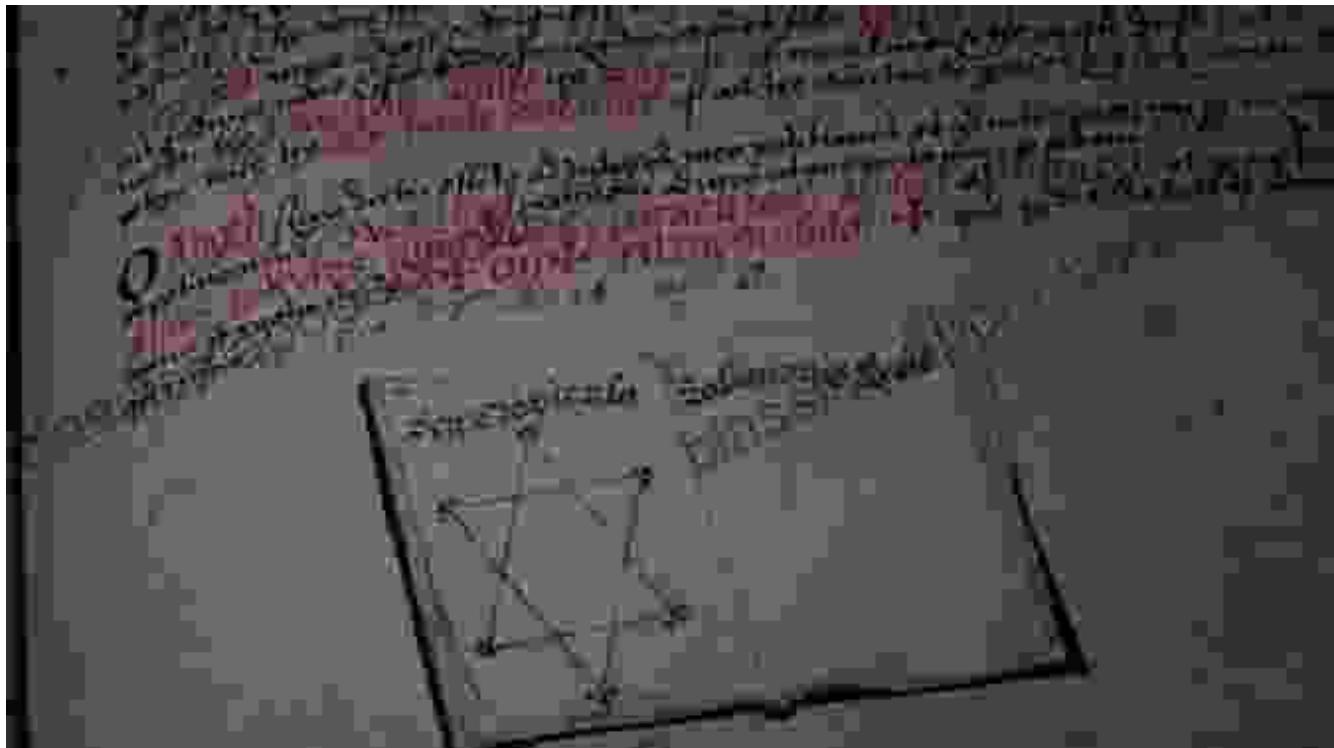
the beauty and fragility of the human heart, capturing its longing for connection, redemption, and transcendence.



Romance and poetry, ivy,
lichens and wallflowers need
ruin to make them grow.

The Supernatural and the Unseen

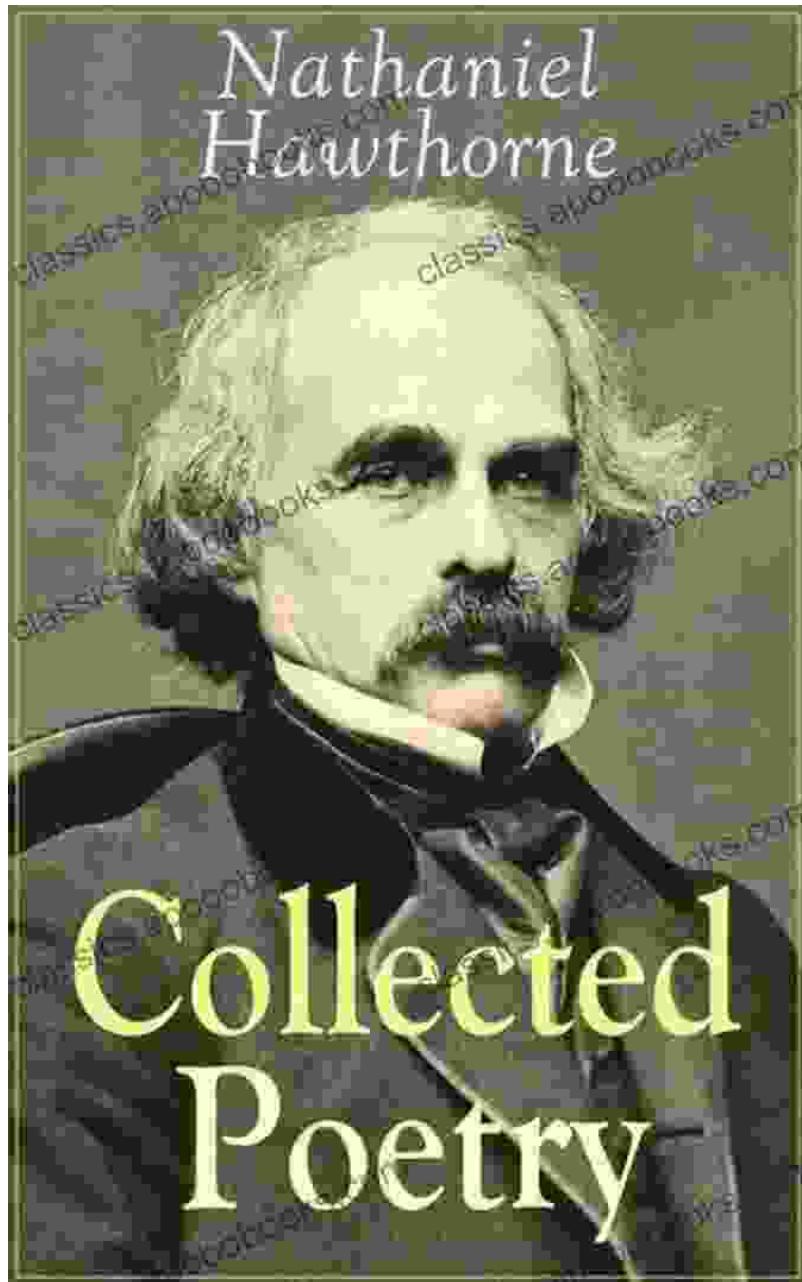
In many of his poems, Hawthorne ventures into the realm of the supernatural. He creates an eerie and unsettling atmosphere, hinting at the existence of forces beyond human comprehension. These explorations add a touch of mystery and intrigue to his poetic tapestry.



Hawthorne's poems often delve into the supernatural and the unseen, creating an eerie and captivating atmosphere.

A Neglected Masterpiece

While Hawthorne's novels have received widespread recognition, his Selected Poems remain relatively unexplored. It is a testament to his literary versatility and talent that he excelled in both prose and poetry.

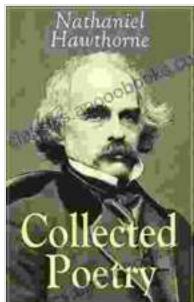


: A Poetic Revelation

Nathaniel Hawthorne's Selected Poems provide a unique and invaluable insight into the mind of a literary giant. They offer a glimpse into his creative process, his exploration of human nature, and his enduring fascination with the Gothic, the supernatural, and the power of imagination. By discovering this hidden treasure, readers will gain a deeper appreciation for

Hawthorne's literary genius and the boundless possibilities of the poetic form.

So, embark on a captivating literary journey with Nathaniel Hawthorne's Selected Poems. Join him as he explores the shadows of the human soul, unravels mysteries of the supernatural, and paints vivid landscapes with words. Discover the hidden depths of this renowned author and unlock a new dimension to his literary legacy.



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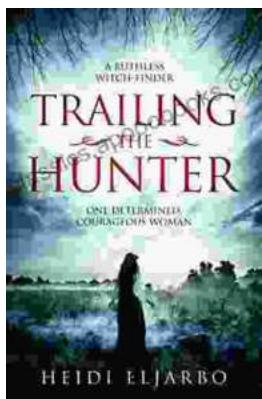
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