# **Biographical Notes on the Pseudonymous Two Brothers, Currer, Ellis, and Acton Bell**

The Brontë sisters, Charlotte, Emily, and Anne, were three of the most influential novelists of the 19th century. They wrote under the pseudonyms Currer, Ellis, and Acton Bell, respectively. Their novels, such as Jane Eyre, Wuthering Heights, and Agnes Grey, are still widely read and admired today.



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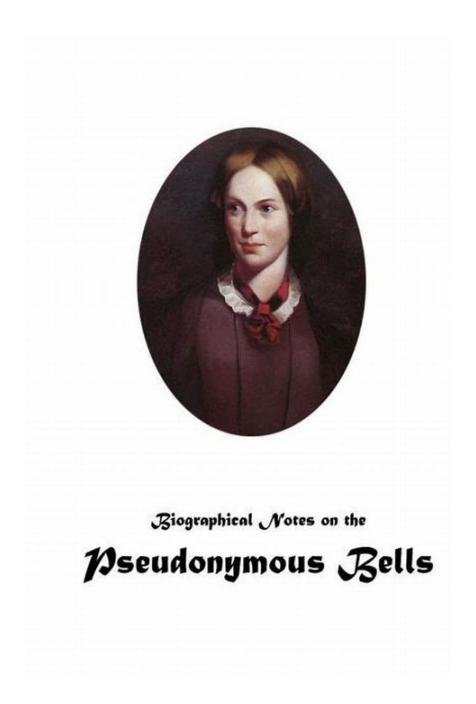


The sisters were born into a poor family in the Yorkshire village of Haworth. Their father, Patrick Brontë, was a clergyman, and their mother, Maria Branwell Brontë, died when the sisters were young. The sisters were raised by their aunt, Elizabeth Branwell, who was a strong and independent woman. The Brontës had an isolated childhood, but they were surrounded by books and they developed a love of literature at an early age. In 1846, Charlotte and Emily published a joint collection of poems, Poems by Currer, Ellis, and Acton Bell. The poems were well-received, and the sisters were encouraged to write novels. Charlotte's Jane Eyre was published in 1847, and it was an immediate success. Emily's Wuthering Heights and Anne's Agnes Grey were published the following year. The novels were all critically acclaimed, and the sisters were hailed as some of the most promising writers of their time.

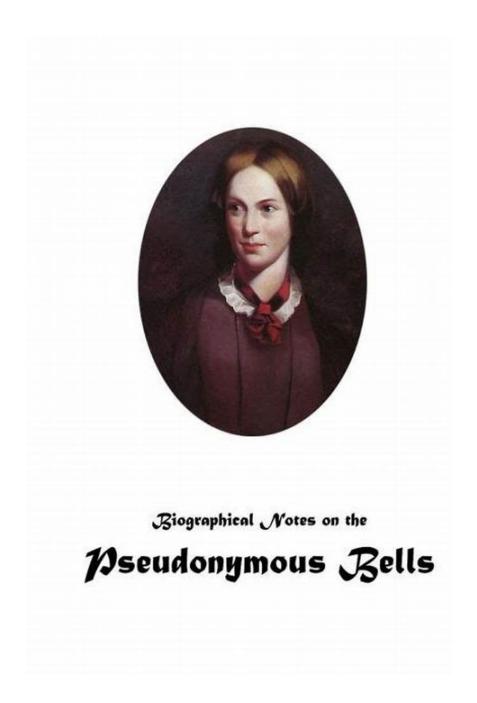
The Brontës' success was short-lived, however. Emily died of tuberculosis in 1848, and Anne died of the same disease the following year. Charlotte died in 1855, at the age of 39. The sisters' early deaths have been attributed to a combination of factors, including their poor health, their isolated childhood, and the stress of their literary careers.

Despite their short lives, the Brontës left a lasting legacy. Their novels are still widely read and admired today, and they have been adapted into numerous films and television shows. The sisters' work has inspired generations of writers, and they remain one of the most important and influential families in English literature.

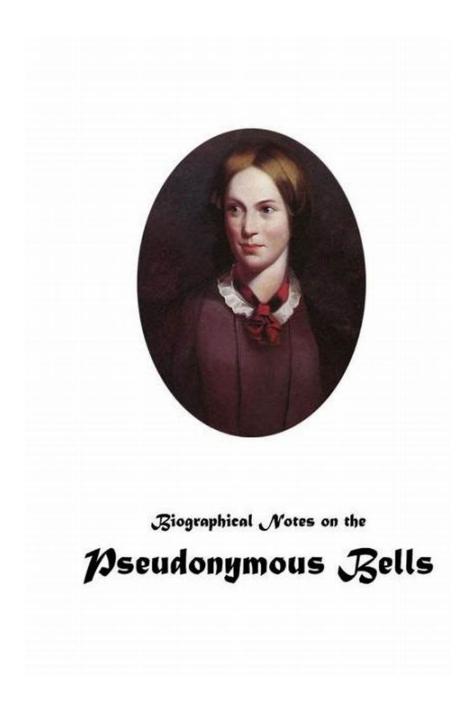
#### The Sisters



**Charlotte Brontë** (1816-1855) was the eldest of the Brontë sisters. She is best known for her novel Jane Eyre, which was published in 1847.



**Emily Brontë** (1818-1848) was the middle of the Brontë sisters. She is best known for her novel Wuthering Heights, which was published in 1847.

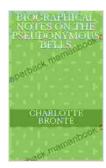


**Anne Brontë** (1820-1849) was the youngest of the Brontë sisters. She is best known for her novel Agnes Grey, which was published in 1847.

### Timeline

- 1816: Charlotte Brontë is born.
- 1818: Emily Brontë is born.

- 1820: Anne Brontë is born.
- 1821: The Brontës' mother dies.
- 1824: The Brontës are sent to live with their aunt, Elizabeth Branwell.
- 1831: Charlotte and Emily attend Cowan Bridge School.
- 1832: Charlotte and Emily leave Cowan Bridge School.
- 1835: Charlotte becomes a governess.
- 1836: Emily becomes a teacher at Law Hill School.
- 1837: Anne becomes a governess.
- 1839: Charlotte and Emily return to Haworth.
- 1846: Charlotte, Emily, and Anne publish Poems by Currer, Ellis, and Acton Bell.
- 1847: Charlotte's Jane Eyre is published.
- 1847: Emily's Wuthering Heights and



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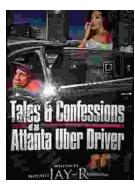
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