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### Review

"the true power of this novel is the exquisite language—both in the James' reproduced letters, and in Hooper's own impressive, shadow-quill renderings."—*Publishers Weekly*

"In her debut novel, *Alice in Bed*, Judith Hooper offers an evocative and boldly intimate portrait of Alice James that is rich in detail and inspiring in its heroism. She presents the reader with an Alice who, far from being a invalid, is a forceful and courageous artist in her own right, and who deserves her place as a full-fledged member of the famous literary clan. Even if you have never read a word of Gilded Age literature, you will not want to put this book down."—David R. Gillham, author of *City of Women*

"In a work of breathtaking imagination, Hooper goes beyond the singular diarist who was Alice James and gives us the person -- audaciously curious, unapologetically original, and clearly the equal of her two more illustrious brothers, Henry and William. The James clan was known for quirkiness, even in Boston, but their sibling bond is here revealed as tender, enduring, and full of a private mirth. An extraordinary accomplishment, a captivating read."—Thad Carhart, author of *The Piano Shop on the Left Bank*

### About the Author

**Judith Hooper** was an editor at *Esquire* Magazine, and is the author of *Of Moths and Men* and co-author of *The Three-Pound Universe*. She lives in western Massachusetts.

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The streets of Boston and Cambridge are running through my head again, and it is as effortless as dreaming. From 13 Ashburton Place, on Beacon Hill--where our family moved when I was fifteen--my feet lead me down steep cobblestone streets, polished by last night's rain, the gold dome of the state house hovering behind and above me like a plump, gaudy moon. I pass hitching posts and dray carts, hear the clop-clop of hooves on cobblestone, the knife man chanting Kni-ves sharpened.

I can slow it down and make out individual blades of grass, a chink in a stone wall, a button missing from the dress of an elderly lady on a park bench, the flies settling on the face of the horse pulling the milkman's wagon. Perhaps in the absence of an outer life, the inner life shines brighter. My brother William ought to study this in his psychology.

With a throng of people I huddle at the intersection of Charles Street and Beacon to wait for the horse-cars. When they arrive, bells tinkling, I mount the steps behind a lady wearing a ghastly confection of maribou feathers and satin rosettes on her head and breathe in the familiar odor of dirty straw and old clothes, mingled with breezes from the river. If it is winter I look out upon a river glazed with ice, bluish in late afternoon; if it is summer I count the white sails of sailboats. In Cambridge I dismount at dusty Harvard Square, shaded by its great elm, with four roads radiating out to Boston, Watertown, Arlington, and Charlestown, like choices laid out in a fairytale.

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