



### **The Rose of Washington Square:**

**A Novel of Rose O'Neill, Creator of the Kewpie Doll**

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*“Rose O’Neill was a trailblazer of her time, and her life is a testament to the power of perseverance in the face of impossible odds.”*

**Kathleen Grissom, New York Times bestselling author of *The Kitchen House***

*“A classic reinvention of the life of Rose O’Neill, the creator of the iconic Kewpie doll.”*

**Nina Romano, award-winning author of *The Secret Language of Women***

### **About The Rose of Washington Square**

Self-taught artist Rose O’Neill leaves the Midwest for New York in 1893, to become an illustrator in a field dominated by males. Mindful of her duty to the impoverished family she left behind, Rose’s obligations require her to yield to the men who hold the reins of her career.

Yet despite the obstacles facing her, she excels at her craft, eventually designing a new character, the Kewpie. Her creation explodes into a phenomenon, but Rose’s disenchantment with the status quo fosters new ambitions. She must decide whether to remain within the boundaries dictated for her, or risk everything she’s gained to pursue the creative and personal passions that ignite her soul.

### **ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

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