

**FANNY HERSELF** 



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## by Edna Ferber (1885-1968)

Fanny Herself is the story of Fanny Brandeis, a sensitive, young Jewish girl coming of age in the Midwest at the turn of the 20th century. It is thought to have been based on Ferber's own experiences growing up in Appleton, Wisconsin. Fanny's inner struggle between her compassionate, artistic side and her desire for financial independence as a successful young businesswoman is the

recurring theme of the novel. Ferber's engaging style of writing will quickly draw you into her story. Regarded by many to be the "greatest American woman novelist of her day," Edna Ferber would go on to win the Pulitzer Prize in a 1925 for her book *So Big*, and is also the author of *Showboat* and *Cimarron*, which, along with other of her later works, were successfully adapted for stage and screen.

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