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#### Abstract

*The Prodigal Daughter* (1736) is a poem that, on the surface, appears to be an approachable text that was likely geared towards a children's audience during New England's first Great Awakening, within the approachable format of a chapbook. However, when explored further, *The Prodigal Daughter* reveals a complicated textual history during a time of theological and social revival in New England. This thesis considers the historical context of *The Prodigal Daughter's* narrative, as well as the poem's publication history. The text's transmission is carefully examined and encapsulated in this edition—giving the reader a transcription that is the result of collating twenty-eight surviving witnesses of *The Prodigal Daughter*. This thesis serves as a critical edition of *The Prodigal Daughter*, with an introduction which includes a careful consideration of gendered theology, homiletics, the literary marketplace, and the role of the devil in the female conversion narrative during New England's first Great Awakening.

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social revival in New England. This thesis considers the historical context of The Prodigal Daughter's narrative, as well as the poem's publication history. The text's transmission is carefully examined and encapsulated in this edition— Her youngest child and only daughter was returning home today after a four-year absence. It had been over a year since they had last seen Ginny. Although Ginny had never stepped foot in England the entire four years she had lived in Paris, her parents and brothers had made occasional trips to visit her. The wizarding world was still putting itself back together after the war that had threatened to destroy them and it had taken almost two years before people felt like traveling outside of England. When the portkey had stopped swirling, Molly had turned to find her daughter and barely managed to stifle a gasp. Her baby girl was gorgeous and the Paris spring air seemed to caress her skin as Ginny stood up to welcome them. The Prodigal Daughter. 113K likes. A place to share all the beautiful things God reveals to me daily. I pray this page be a blessing to many all over. ♡... Facebook is showing information to help you better understand the purpose of a Page. See actions taken by the people who manage and post content. Page created - March 25, 2018. People. 113,974 likes. Related Pages. Proverbs 31 Ministries.