

Margaret Isabel Postgate, coniugata Cole

a cura di Roberto Roganti



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Era un politico socialista inglese, scrittore e poeta. Ha scritto diverse storie investigative congiuntamente con suo marito, G. D. H. Cole. Ha continuato a ricoprire importanti incarichi nel governo di Londra dopo la seconda guerra mondiale.

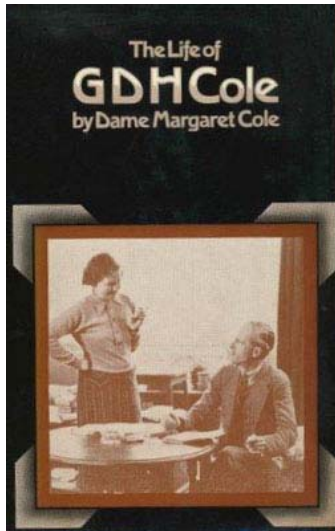
Figlia di John Percival Postgate e Edith (nata Allen) Postgate, Margaret è stata educata alla Roedean School e al Girton College di Cambridge. Mentre leggeva H. G. Wells, George Bernard Shaw e altri a Girton, venne a mettere in discussione l'anglicanesimo della sua educazione e per abbracciare il socialismo dopo aver letto libri notevoli sull'argomento.

Durante la prima guerra mondiale, suo fratello Raymond Postgate cercò esenzione dal servizio militare come obiettore coscienzioso socialista, ma fu negato il riconoscimento e incarcerato per aver rifiutato gli ordini militari. Il suo sostegno per suo fratello la condusse a convincere il pacifismo. Durante la sua successiva campagna contro la coscrizione, incontrò G. D. H. Cole, che sposò in un ufficio di registro nell'agosto del 1918.

All'inizio degli anni '30, Margaret abbandonò il suo pacifismo in reazione alla soppressione dei movimenti socialisti da parte dei governi in Germania e Austria e agli eventi nella guerra civile spagnola.

Nel 1941, Margaret Cole fu cooptata nel comitato educativo del Consiglio di contea di Londra, nominato da Herbert Morrison, e divenne un campione di educazione globale. Fu consigliere del Consiglio della Contea di Londra dal 1952 fino all'abolizione dello stesso nel 1965. Era un membro dell'Autorità educativa di Londra interiore dalla sua creazione nel 1965 fino al suo ritiro dalla vita pubblica nel 1967.

Cole scrisse diversi libri, tra cui una biografia di suo marito. Suo fratello Raymond era uno storico, giornalista e romanziere laburista. Lei e suo marito hanno scritto congiuntamente molti romanzi di mystery.



Margaret e suo marito hanno creato una partnership, ma non un matrimonio completo: lui si è interessato al sesso e considerava le donne come una distrazione dagli uomini. Tuttavia, avevano un figlio e due figlie. Margaret Cole ha documentato in modo completo la loro vita insieme in una biografia che ha scritto di suo marito dopo la sua morte.

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