

Bettina von Arnim (c. 1809)

Abstract

In 1806, the young Bettina von Arnim (née Brentano) (1785–1859) became acquainted with the mother of Johann Wolfgang von Goethe; a year later, she met the poet himself. Arnim's extensive correspondence with the two formed the basis of her well-known epistolary novel *Goethe's Correspondence with a Child* [Goethes Briefwechsel mit einem Kinde] (1835). Among other works, Arnim also published her correspondence with her famous brother, poet Clemens Brentano (1778–1842). The volume appeared in 1844 under the title Clemens Brentano's Spring Wreath [Clemens Brentanos Frühlingskranz]. Etching by Emil Ludwig Grimm, c. 1809.

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