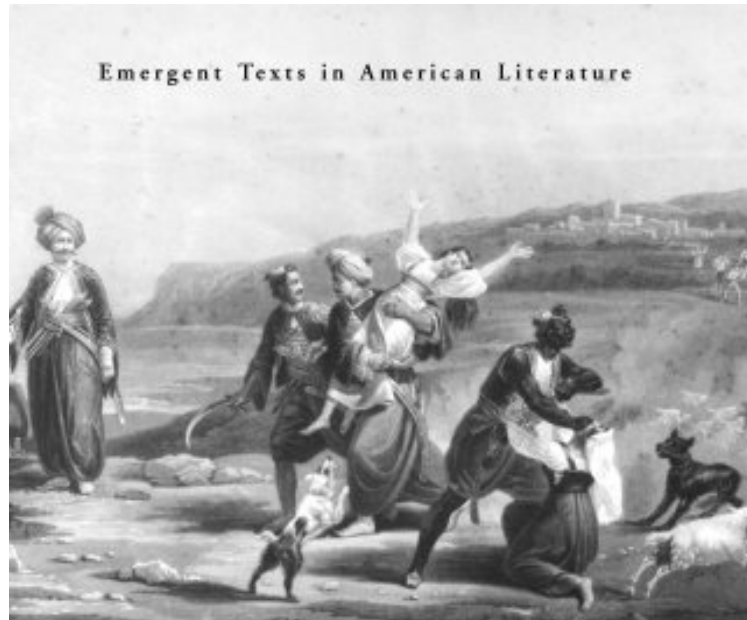


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thwarted love. As with most American literature at the time, in the end, the Americans win out and attempt to spread their virtues of freedom and morality to the cultures they interact with. Reading it now, the idea of American exceptionalism jumps out at us but these types of ideas were the norm. It has the racism of its time embedded in the story but again, reading it as a product of the time it was written is important. This play is an interesting way to get insight into American thoughts in the 1790's.

A small booklet with basic historical information etc.