



After All These Years (Paperback)

By Maggie Smith-Bendell

University of Hertfordshire Press, United Kingdom, 2013. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. In her bestselling autobiography, Our Forgotten Years (also published as Rabbit Stew and a Penny or Two), Maggie Smith-Bendell told of her life as a Romani Gypsy. Her second book is full of more of her vivid memories, this time set in the context of the long history of the Gypsies. Descended from some of the oldest Traveller families in England, Maggie sees traces of the persecution suffered by her people over hundreds of years in the old tales handed down through the generations and in the distrust that is still so commonly shown towards them. Full of colour and pathos, Maggie's stories spring to life on the page: magical days at the old horse fairs, fights and rows and making up again, the time her life was saved by a mysterious old woman. At the heart of Maggie's story is her gorgie mush, Terry, whom she loved and married in spite of her family's strong disapproval that he wasn't a Gypsy. Together they embraced each other's way of life, bringing up their children to love the best...

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