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Borstal Girl

By Eileen MacKenney

Simon Schuster Ltd, United Kingdom, 2011. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Not for Online ed.. 196 x 130 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. Born into a fog-ridden south London slum in 1931, Eileen Killick quickly learned to look after herself. Her brothers were wayward, her mum had TB and her dad was working all hours on the railways. By the time she was fourteen she had survived the Blitz, a spell in a care home and her mother's death, but she craved excitement, embarking on shoplifting sprees, liberating fur coats and rolling toffs up west with notorious queen of thieves Shirley Pitts. Eileen soon found herself in borstal, put to work building roads like a navy. Known as Kill , she had a reputation as one of the hardest woman behind bars. Then, in the 1950s she met and married career criminal Harry Big H MacKenney, and she was soon fraternising with the toughest, most colourful characters in the London underworld. She went on to have four children, whom she loved and protected, but life was extremely tough and Eileen fell back into her old ways, thieving and fighting to make ends meet. The 1970s brought police corruption...

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