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## Innocent Victims: Two Novellas

By Minette Walters

Mysterious Press, United States, 2013. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 182 x 126 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. Chickenfeed As part of World Book Day 2006, Minette Walters took part in the Quick Reads initiative, designed to encourage developing readers and adult learners as they explore the exciting world of books. Chickenfeed, Walter s contribution, is a crackling tale based on the true story of the chicken farm murder that took place in Blackness Road, Crowborough, East Sussex in December, 1924. Although Norman Thorne never confessed to killing his girlfriend Elsie, he was tried and hanged for the crime. Minette s fictionalised account of their relationship is told from the points of view of both Elsie and Norman, from the time of their first meeting at chapel when Norman is 18 and Elsie is 22, until the eve of Norman s trial for her murder just over four years later. In the real-life case, an exchange of letters between the lovers, in which Elsie told Norman that she was pregnant, formed part of the evidence that suggested Norman s motive for murder. When the lovers grow apart, Elsie creates a fantasy to replace the reality of their fractured relationship....



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