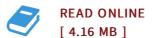




They Worked All Their Lives: Women of the Urban Poor, 1880-1939 (New edition)

By Carl Chinn

Carnegie Publishing Ltd. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, They Worked All Their Lives: Women of the Urban Poor, 1880-1939 (New edition), Carl Chinn, While an undergraduate Carl Chinn recalls a lecturer postulating that working-class women were downtrodden and brow-beaten by their men: 'I remember thinking, "They're not in my family" .I lacked the confidence to disagree, and to tell him that I knew many working-class women who were at least the equals of their men and who could fight physically. Indeed the first fight I had seen was when I was ten. My Nan had taken me and my brother down the Villa. An away fan had pinched Our Kid's scarf and Our Nan, just four foot eleven tall, turned round and laid the chap out with one punch. A tough woman whose forefinger had been torn off by a machine at work, Our Nan was the daughter, mother and grandmother of strong, workingclass women.' Often strong physically, women of the urban poor worked from when they were toddlers until they died. They worked inside and outside the house, cooking, washing, cleaning and planning how to get by; they worked as domestics in the houses of a middle class...



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