



## Half Alive: A Manual for Busking in the London Underground - How Not to

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Createspace, United States, 2012. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Professor of Tourism Culture and Development David Harrison (illustrator). 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*.Riders shuffle into the London Tube more than four million times a day. Danny the Demon was among them, back in Maggie Thatcher's Brave New 1980s. Always late, he would race down the stairs, guitar banging his shoulder as he leapt off every third step, then jump the barrier without paying. He wasn't a rider, but a singer - begging for money from the commuting throng. Welcome to the punked-out world of the London Underground's music-making buskers. They could stop you in your tracks with delight - or revulsion. Not exactly savoury characters: drinking and drugging, squatting in abandoned houses, squabbling over prime spots, dodging the cops. They would wake up broke, earn enough to get brained, and wake up broke again. This slice of life below the streets wasn't in the London guidebooks, nor on your standard tour. There was Olga the Swedish Sorceress, turning tricks to forget. Shy Saxophone George, entranced by his own solos. Lora Buchanan, the voice of restraint - when...



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