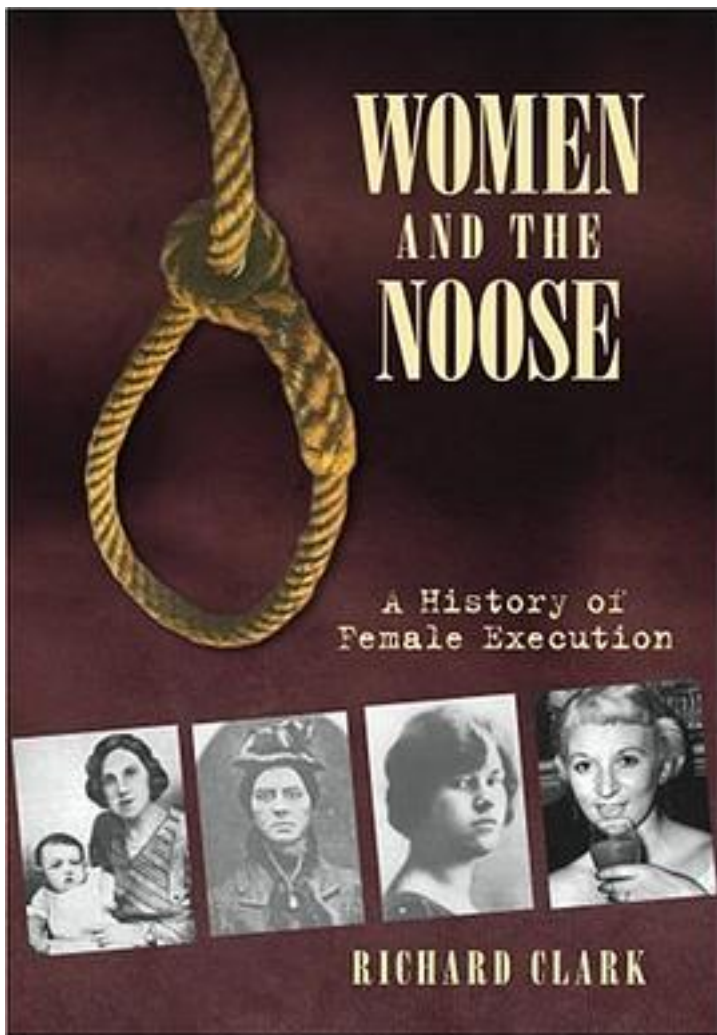


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Tracing the history of female crime and execution from 1726 to 1955, "Women and the

Noose" presents the cases of over fifty women who met their end on the hangman's gallows. From the criminal act to the execution day itself, the women's stories illustrate their range of crimes such as petty-theft and murder, as well as reactions to the death sentence including 'pleading the belly' as defence. Richard Clark also discusses the developments in execution methods, from burning at the stake to the short - and long-drop; and the move from the very public hangings to the more dignified private events. Clark's frank treatment of the executions combined with sympathetic revelations about the women's private lives makes "Women and the Noose" a chilling and surprisingly moving read.

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