



I Dreamt I Dwelt in Marble Halls: Memoir (Paperback)

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Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. The rent of 3s.6d a week in the Dublin Artisans Dwelling Company flats was relatively high in the early 1920 s when the author s grandparents moved in. Built to house artisans the tenancies were beyond the means of labourer s who earned about a 1 a week. On the death of her mother in 1947 she moved from nearby Upper Rutland St. to live in the Dwellings with her grandparents and remembers it as a matriarchal enclave where the women castigated and cursed each other s children and minded them when necessary. They criticized one another, supported one another through the nagers , delivered babies when a Bona Fide midwife wasn t available or couldn t be afforded, borrowed and lent finery, often taken out of the Pawn for the occasion, and laid out and waked the dead. The Memoir is rich in humour and historical lore for those who remember Summerhill, the Dwellings, the nearby Streets, the Tin Church, and the choice of schools like the Red Brick Slaughter House, the Sado Brothers...

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