



Gypsy Boots: A Young Woman Hitchhikes Through Europe, 1958-59

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AUTHORHOUSE, United States, 2008. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 228 x 152 mm. Language: English Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Stepping off the transatlantic ship in Rotterdam, wearing a velvet hat, white gloves, high pointy toed heels, a garter belt holding up nylon stockings, and beige suit perfectly pressed, I lugged a plaid suitcase filled with the right outfits ready to embark on a three month European tour in the summer of 1958. I expected windmills and wooden shoes, longed for picturesque towns of narrow cobblestone streets lined with leaning buildings shaped by time. I found a continent shaped by war. When I took off my high heels and nylon stockings to slip my feet into fleece lined walking shoes, my Gypsy Boots, when I stored my packed plaid suitcase in London to substitute a small rucksack with one change of clothes, when I fearfully held out my arm to flag down my first car, I stepped into a strange dream. One that enfolded me and sent me in a new direction, an irrevocable moment when I walked across a boundary my old self couldn't cross. Living for a dollar and a half a day, I hitchhiked 25,000...



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