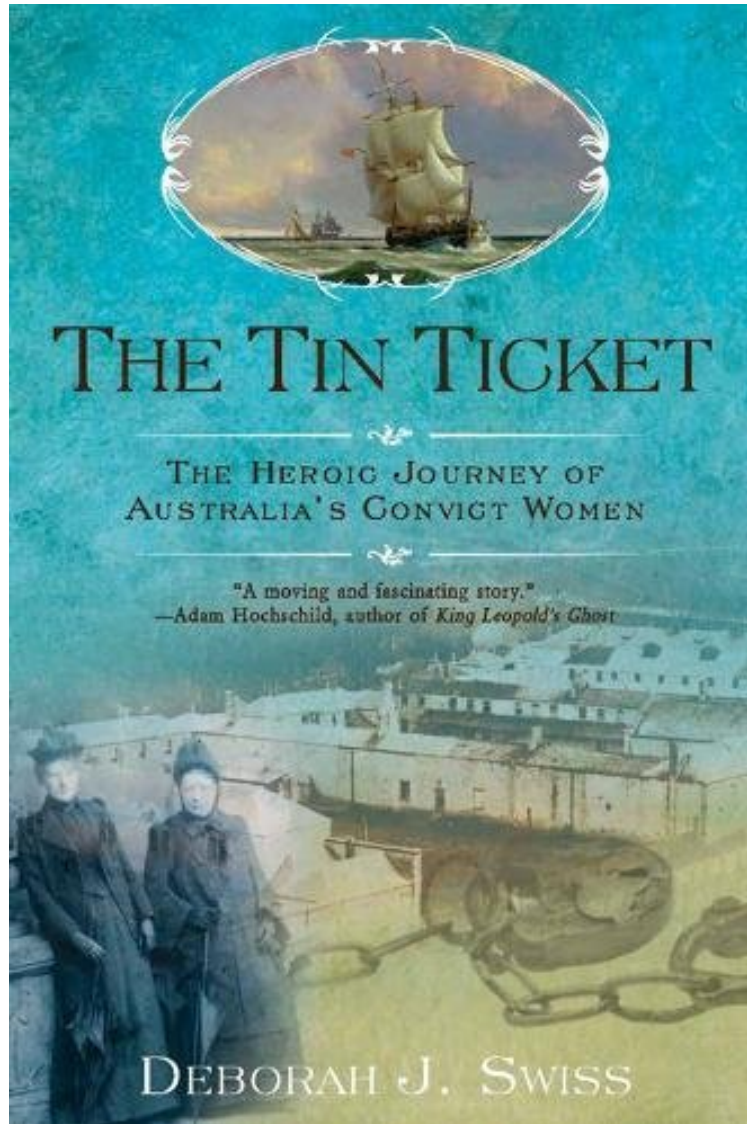


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**Deborah J. Swiss : The Tin Ticket: The Heroic Journey of Australia's Convict Women** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Tin Ticket: The Heroic Journey of Australia's Convict Women:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. How these women could have survived such conditions....By SMurrayI really really loved this book! The descriptions of the conditions that the characters lived in broke my heart - not sure how these women could have survived even a few days in those conditions let alone years and years. But,

they were tough women with unstoppable spirits and I especially liked the line in the book that reads "Ludlow consistently practiced the 11th commandment - Do what ever it takes to provide for your child."The book really makes you think and see what was really going on with the 'classes' in England/Scotland/Ireland between 1800-1875, and how far we have come in the past 150-200 years, in prison reform, medicine, and women's rights - heck, human rights! The descriptions of the polluted conditions in London, along with the beauty, yet almost uninhabitable terrain of Tasmania and Melbourne were so vivid and really placed you right in the heart of those times. And the stories of the women's journies across the sea from England to Tasmania - it was amazing anyone was able to walk off those ships after 4 months being kept in the bowels of the ships. The story does show, and it's so hard to believe that people could be so cold, manipulative, hard-hearted and dismissive of other humans just because they were poor. But the best part is that the story shows how no matter how horrific the conditions you place people in, you can't break their spirit or their pride and the desire to survive is overwhelming. This is a great great book if you want an inside view of what took place during that timeframe - I feel like I learned a lot and have a new appreciation of Australia, Tasmania and how it was 'really' settled!

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Returned kindle version for refund  
By desertwiffie I so wanted to stick with this book and find out more about the ladies involved, but just cannot stand the torturous, adjective-heavy writing. I just finished reading a book about the only all female concentration camp in Germany in WWII, and for all it's suffering and agonizing detail it didn't come close to matching this for exaggerated descriptions. Just not my kind of writing, but it might not bother someone else less irritated by florid prose.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Best History of Women Transportees to Australia  
By J. Blakeney This book deserves 6 stars. Deborah Swiss has done a magnificent job of work covering not only the personal history of women transported to Australia during the latter part of the 1800s but also a wonderful profiling of those chosen personalities. We meet five of the most courageous, tenacious and gutsy women one is ever likely to find in fiction let alone in a factual biography. We follow them from children in the UK, marveling at their ability to survive in such poverty and want, and travel with them aboard doubtful crowded ships of exile to Van Diemens Land. We suffer with them in the Women's Factory in Hobart and rejoice when they fight back against the system that holds them liable for trivial offenses. And finally we celebrate with them when they ultimately gain their freedom, find partners, have families and move on throughout colonial Australia to help make our history. Very highly recommended.

The convict women who built a continent..."A moving and fascinating story." -Adam Hochschild, author of King Leopold's Ghost  
The Tin Ticket takes readers to the dawn of the nineteenth century and into the lives of three women arrested and sent into suffering and slavery in Australia and Tasmania-where they overcame their fates unlike any women in the world. It also tells the tale of Elizabeth Gurney Fry, a Quaker reformer who touched all their lives. Ultimately, this is a story of women who, by sheer force of will, became the heart and soul of a new nation.

"The Irish feature in disproportionate numbers among the convicts transported to Australia. The number of female Irish convicts rose considerably in the aftermath of the great Irish Famine, a period which also saw the transportation of more than 4,000 Irish orphan girls as "breeding stock" for the new colony. Deborah Swiss brings new light and insight into the story of female convicts transported to Australia and in telling this story through the lives of a number of individual women brings home to us both the tragedy and the triumph of these resilient women." -Mirtfn + Fainfn, Ambassador of Ireland  
"Deborah Swiss eloquently and engagingly uncovers a buried and important piece of Australian "herstory," convicted women who endured injustice, cruelty, and hardship. Even more than that, Swiss skillfully illuminates their essence in their extraordinary resilience, determination, and courage. An inspiration to all." - Birute Regine, author of Iron Butterflies: Women Transforming Themselves and the World.  
"The Tin Ticket powerfully illustrates the unimaginable vulnerability and desperation that came with being poor and female two hundred years ago in Britain. But the stories of the women in this book are not too different from those of the millions who are trafficked across continents even today for cheap labor or sex. And like these women, the founding mothers of Australia exemplify the same remarkable resilience and resourcefulness that women show to pull themselves and their families out of adversity. The Tin Ticket tells their story, and enriches our shared history as women and as human beings." -Ritu Sharma, Co-Founder and President, Women Thrive Worldwide  
"History books far too often scant the stories of women, of the poor, and of those swallowed up in the prison system. Deborah Swiss has broken this triple barrier to bring us a moving and fascinating story -- both of forgotten people who were ruthlessly exploited, and of a remarkable woman who did much to help them." -Adam Hochschild, author of King Leopold's Ghost and Bury the Chains, co-founder of Mother Jones.  
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Deborah J. Swiss received her Ed.D. from Harvard University, and is the author of Women and the Work/ Family Dilemma, Women Breaking Through, and The Male Mind at Work. She lives in Lexington, Massachusetts.