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By Jacki Lyden

Penguin Books Australia, Australia, 1998. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. As a foreign correspondent for National Public Radio, Jacki Lyden has spent her adult life on the frontlines in some of the most dangerous war zones in the world. Her childhood was a war zone of a different kind. Her mother suffered from what we now call manic-depression; when Jacki was a child in a small Midwestern town, her mother was simply called crazy. Jacki would return home from grade school to find her mother wrapped in a toga of bedsheets, with eyeliner hieroglyphics drawn on her arms and a tiara on her head. In her manic phases, she became a woman with power, Marie Antoinette or the Queen of Sheba; in real life, she was trapped in a destructive marriage to the villainous local doctor. With their mother beyond reach, her children turned to their hardscrabble grandmother, a woman who had her first child at age 14 and lost her husband in a barroom brawl. Jacki eventually set out on her own impassioned journeys -- if her mother could escape to exotic places, so would she. In her 20s she joined a low-rent rodeo. Later,...

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