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## Loyalism and Labour in Belfast: The Autobiography of Robert McElborough, 1884-1952 (Paperback)

By Robert McElborough, Emmet O Connor, Trevor Parkhill

Cork University Press, Ireland, 2002. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. Robert McElborough was a Belfast trade unionist and unflinching loyalist who worked on tramways and in the gas industry. This selection from his autobiography records Protestant working-class life, the mistreatment of workers and the divisions within Ulster trade unionism, which are further explored in the editor s introduction. Subjective, yet authentic, McElborough s narrative is an essential source for the study of both loyalism and labour in Belfast. Robert McElborough was a Belfast trade unionist of little education, who spent most of his life living in the Sandy row district and working on the tramways and in the gas industry. An active organiser in two loyalist trade unions, he fought proudly on the workers side for wages and conditions as a descendant of an Ulster Scot . This selection from his autobiography provides a unique record of Protestant working-class life, and a trenchant commentary on the mistreatment of workers by their masters. It also chronicles the tensions between English union bosses and Ulster trade unionists, and McElborough s support for Ulster-based unions uncontaminated by either red or green influences. The complexities of Belfast labour history are...

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