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After the end of the War of Austrian Succession in 1748, thousands of unemployed and sometimes unemployable soldiers and seamen found themselves on the streets of London ready to roister the town and steal when necessary. In this fascinating book Nicholas Rogers explores the moral panic associated with this rapid demobilization. Through interlocking stories of duels, highway robberies, smuggling, riots, binge drinking, and even two earthquakes, Rogers captures the anxieties of a half-decade and assesses the social reforms contemporaries framed and imagined to deal with the crisis. He argues that in addressing these events, contemporaries not only endorsed the traditional sanction of public executions, but wrestled with the problem of expanding the parameters of government to include practices and institutions we now regard as commonplace: censuses, the regularization of marriage through uniform methods of registration, penitentiaries and police forces. Author: Rogers, Nicholas Publisher: Yale University Press Illustration: N Language: ENG Title: Mayhem: Post-War Crime and Violence in Britain, 1748-53 Pages: 00320 (Encrypted EPUB) / 00320 (Encrypted PDF) On Sale: 2012-12-03 SKU-13/ISBN: 9780300169621 Category: History : Europe - Great Britain - General

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