

Charity Girl - Michael Lowenthal

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During World War I, seventeen-year-old Frieda Mintz secures a job at a Boston department store and strikes out on her own, escaping her repressive Jewish mother and marriage to a wealthy widower twice her age. Determined to find love on her own terms, she is intoxicated by her newfound freedom and the patriotic fervor of the day. That is, until a soldier reports her as his last sexual contact, sweeping her up in the governments wartime crusade against venereal disease. Quarantined in a detention center, Frieda finds in the Homes confines a group of brash, unforgettable women who help her see the way to a new kind of independence. Charity Girl is based on a little-known chapter in American history that saw fifteen thousand women across the nation incarcerated. Like When the Emperor Was Divine, Lowenthals poignant, provocative novel will leave readers moved - and astonished by the shameful facts that inspired it. Author: Lowenthal, Michael Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Illustration: N Language: ENG Title: Charity Girl Pages: 00336 (Encrypted EPUB) On Sale: 2008-01-08 SKU-13/ISBN: 9780618919789 Category: Fiction : Literary

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