



Mail-Order Kid: An Orphan Train Rider s Story (Paperback)

By Marilyn June Coffey

Out West Press, United States, 2010. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.The massive orphan train exodus whisked three-year-old Teresa from the safety of her New York orphanage, where the worst thing the Foundling nuns did was wash her curly black hair, to a desolate house and cold-hearted parents in Kansas. There she entered a small and strange Volga German world whose inhabitants spoke a language she had never heard. In this odd world, she encountered whippings and sexual abuse. Perhaps half a million children, like Teresa, were plucked from orphanages and shipped by rail (or relocated) to nearly every state in the Union from 1854 to 1929. Mail-Order Kid looks at the orphan train movement through the eyes of one small child who yearns to know her real mother, survives a tortured childhood, and ultimately, as an adult, comes to terms with her past, her faith, and herself.



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