



# Ma, He Sold Me for a Few Cigarettes: A Memoir of Dublin in the 1950s

*Martha Long*

Download now

Read Online →

[Click here](#) if your download doesn't start automatically

# Ma, He Sold Me for a Few Cigarettes: A Memoir of Dublin in the 1950s

Martha Long

## Ma, He Sold Me for a Few Cigarettes: A Memoir of Dublin in the 1950s Martha Long

"Not for the faint of heart, Long's story is a gritty, grueling, and heartbreaking testament to one girl's unbreakable spirit."—*Publishers Weekly*, starred review

When Martha Long's feckless mother hooks up with the Jackser ("that bandy aul bastard"), and starts having more babies, the abuse and poverty in the house grow more acute. Martha is regularly sent out to beg and more often steal, and her wiles (as a child of 7, 8) are often the only thing keeping food on the table. Jackser is a master of paranoid anger and outburst, keeping the children in an unheated tenement, unable to go to school, at the ready for his unpredictable rages. Then Martha is sent by Jackser to a man he knows in exchange for the price of a few cigarettes. She is nine. She is filthy, lice-ridden, outcast. Martha and Ma escape to England, but for an itinerant Irishwoman finding work in late 1950s England is a near impossibility. Martha treasures the time alone with her mother, but amazingly Ma pines for Jackser and they eventually return to Dublin and the other children. And yet there are prized cartoon magazines, the occasional hidden penny to buy the children sweets, the glimpse of loving family life in other houses, and Martha's hope that she will soon be old enough to make her own way.

Virtually uneducated, Martha Long is natural-born storyteller. Written in the vernacular of the day, the reader is tempted to speak like Martha for the rest of a day (and don't let me hear yer woman roarin' bout it neither). One can't help but cheer on this mischievous, quick-witted, and persistent little girl who has captured hearts across Europe.

*From the Trade Paperback edition.*

 [Download Ma, He Sold Me for a Few Cigarettes: A Memoir of Dublin ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online Ma, He Sold Me for a Few Cigarettes: A Memoir of Dubl ...pdf](#)

**Download and Read Free Online Ma, He Sold Me for a Few Cigarettes: A Memoir of Dublin in the 1950s Martha Long**

---

## **Download and Read Free Online Ma, He Sold Me for a Few Cigarettes: A Memoir of Dublin in the 1950s Martha Long**

---

### **From reader reviews:**

#### **Sophia Myers:**

Have you spare time for just a day? What do you do when you have more or little spare time? That's why, you can choose the suitable activity regarding spend your time. Any person spent their very own spare time to take a walk, shopping, or went to typically the Mall. How about open or read a book entitled Ma, He Sold Me for a Few Cigarettes: A Memoir of Dublin in the 1950s? Maybe it is to get best activity for you. You know beside you can spend your time with your favorite's book, you can wiser than before. Do you agree with the opinion or you have additional opinion?

#### **Matthew Hansen:**

In this 21st centuries, people become competitive in each and every way. By being competitive today, people have do something to make these survives, being in the middle of the crowded place and notice simply by surrounding. One thing that at times many people have underestimated it for a while is reading. Yep, by reading a publication your ability to survive raise then having chance to stand up than other is high. In your case who want to start reading the book, we give you this particular Ma, He Sold Me for a Few Cigarettes: A Memoir of Dublin in the 1950s book as beginner and daily reading publication. Why, because this book is usually more than just a book.

#### **Ethel Orr:**

The actual book Ma, He Sold Me for a Few Cigarettes: A Memoir of Dublin in the 1950s will bring one to the new experience of reading a new book. The author style to explain the idea is very unique. In the event you try to find new book you just read, this book very appropriate to you. The book Ma, He Sold Me for a Few Cigarettes: A Memoir of Dublin in the 1950s is much recommended to you you just read. You can also get the e-book in the official web site, so you can quicker to read the book.

#### **Robert Maas:**

Reading a publication make you to get more knowledge from it. You can take knowledge and information coming from a book. Book is created or printed or descriptive from each source that will filled update of news. In this modern era like at this point, many ways to get information are available for you. From media social including newspaper, magazines, science publication, encyclopedia, reference book, story and comic. You can add your knowledge by that book. Do you want to spend your spare time to spread out your book? Or just looking for the Ma, He Sold Me for a Few Cigarettes: A Memoir of Dublin in the 1950s when you necessary it?

**Download and Read Online Ma, He Sold Me for a Few Cigarettes:  
A Memoir of Dublin in the 1950s Martha Long #JI7DZQ6W89R**

## **Read Ma, He Sold Me for a Few Cigarettes: A Memoir of Dublin in the 1950s by Martha Long for online ebook**

Ma, He Sold Me for a Few Cigarettes: A Memoir of Dublin in the 1950s by Martha Long Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read Ma, He Sold Me for a Few Cigarettes: A Memoir of Dublin in the 1950s by Martha Long books to read online.

### **Online Ma, He Sold Me for a Few Cigarettes: A Memoir of Dublin in the 1950s by Martha Long ebook PDF download**

**Ma, He Sold Me for a Few Cigarettes: A Memoir of Dublin in the 1950s by Martha Long Doc**

**Ma, He Sold Me for a Few Cigarettes: A Memoir of Dublin in the 1950s by Martha Long Mobipocket**

**Ma, He Sold Me for a Few Cigarettes: A Memoir of Dublin in the 1950s by Martha Long EPub**

**Ma, He Sold Me for a Few Cigarettes: A Memoir of Dublin in the 1950s by Martha Long Ebook online**

**Ma, He Sold Me for a Few Cigarettes: A Memoir of Dublin in the 1950s by Martha Long Ebook PDF**