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2 of 2 review helpful Informative and Engaging By Suzanne Noakes As someone who is in the throes of research I've been reading quite a number of books on tenement life in Glasgow and this is one of the better ones. It provides a cohesive flow of discussion about what life was like during this thirty five year span. Well organized and comprehensive Jean Farley includes discussion on a broad scope of aspects of tenement life. This book dispels the image of slums and destitution that clings to the Glasgow tenement. Working class home life is explored through the recollections of people who grew up in these cramped one and two roomed houses. Narratives full of vitality and detail record the routines and rituals of previously disregarded lives covering everything from shopping and housework to childbirth and death. Though the tenements were by today's standards unfit to live in, there are important insights and stories to be told.

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