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When Hetty Huggins made a promise to her dying mother that she would look after her younger sister and brothers, little did she know how difficult this would be. But despite the threat of being turned out onto the streets by the unscrupulous tallyman and the never-ending struggle just to exist, Hetty is determined her family will never starve or want for a roof over their heads.

Longing for something better out of life than the daily grind of making matchboxes for a pittance, she dreams of setting up her own business. With the help of friends she sells hot potatoes on the streets and things begin to look up for them all. But when the tallyman comes calling, they are faced once more with a future full of hardship and despair ...

## A Mother's Promise Details

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## **Shirley Revill says**

I read this book some time ago and I really enjoyed. Love the stories by Dilly Court. Recommended.

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## **Michael David entwistle says**

### **Excellent reading**

Brilliant book another one of dilly courts finest she drawers you right into the characters lives until you feel like your right there with them

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## **Anne Harvey says**

I'm not familiar with Dilly Court's novels though I know they're very popular. Being restricted to audiobooks as I am at present, and choice at our local library being limited, I often have to choose books I might not normally consider. I was pleasantly surprised by how much I enjoyed this book. The title comes from the promise young Hetty Huggins gave her mother on her death-bed that she would always look after her younger sister and two little brothers. Always, this is uppermost in her mind, from the time when the whole family made matchbox covers for Bryant and May's, to running a coffee stall in Spitalfields Market. How she rises above her poverty-stricken life is a moving and inspirational tale. The characters are all believable and most of them are likeable (well, there has to be a scoundrel and in this novel there's more than one). Slow to begin with, as the plot moves on the story soon becomes absorbing.

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## **Heather says**

Despite a number of spelling errors this was a good book. I did enjoy it even though it went for quite a while.

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## **Bronwyn Rykiert says**

This book started off okay but in the end I was not enjoying it because I did not really like the main character, Hetty. I thought she was rather stupid, falling for the American Charles and running off to see him without telling him even though his letters has grown sparse.

There is too much that I did not enjoy about it to say. Though it did work out okay and Hetty's stpidity was won over.

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### **Mrs A Vickers says**

#### **A very good read**

I enjoyed the book so much , I read it twice. Dilly Court writes very good stories. Well done :-)

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### **Sarah says**

cockney saga brill loved it couldnt put down

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### **Jan says**

#### **Excellent**

Delightful story about a young English girl who went from rags to riches. Very well written. It kept my interest from start to finish.

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### **Brenda Anderson says**

Great read from dilly court.

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### **Rowlie says**

Another Dilly Court book done and dusted. I love this author and love her story lines. This one of a young poverty stricken girl who through hard work and sheer grit rises above her station to do well for her family.

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### **Grace says**

4.5 stars

I loved this story. It told the story of a young woman left to raise her family after her mother died and the struggle against adversity to keep them together.

I have read a few books by this author and I have enjoyed them all. I look forward to reading more of her books.

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### **Andrea says**

Really enjoyed reading this dilly court books.one of my favourite books of hers,Hetty was left looking after her family making ends meat.and struggling to pay her rent.she spends most of her time feeding her sister and brothers.she has big dreams getting out of poverty.will she find love.great story enjoyed this book.

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### **Steph says**

I really liked this book and couldn't put it down till it was finished. A good story with lots of interesting characters tho I really disliked Hetty which for a main character is unusual but she just irritated me so much, she was horrible to George and she was very single minded about a lot of things.

I know things were different back in the day and girls were a lot more naive and innocent but she really acted like a fool over Charles and to travel half way across the world on a whim was insane. I wanted to slap some sense into her.

I really disliked her sister Jane and never warmed to her,she was just a spoilt brat who acted like a child.

I am glad that Hetty got her happy ending and the one I was hoping she would realise was for her.

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### **Tracey says**

Really enjoyed this book. My mum was raving about this book from the moment she turned the first page, and I can definitely see why. Hetty is such a wonderful strong character , who gets hoodwinked by a shameful man. However Hetty survives and finds true love and a happy ending.

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### **Eleana Varham says**

This was the first Dilly Court book i read i surpose what i learnt is how hard it was in the slums of london and i strongly recommend this book it was truly amazing.

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