



The Bohemian Girl

By Frances Vernon

FABER FABER, United Kingdom, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 216 x 135 mm. Language: English Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. *The Bohemian Girl* (1988), Frances Vernon's fourth novel, transports us to 1890s London to meet the young Diana Blentham, whom Vernon first introduced to readers - as a celebrated grande horizontale - in the opening pages of her 1982 debut *Privileged Children*. Diana fears that the lot of an intelligent woman is to simply be married and never again open a book. Her father wonders - not incorrectly - if Diana's brains may lead her to some grave lapse in good behaviour. So it comes to pass one day when, riding on her bicycle in Battersea Park, she knocks over a handsome Irish painter. A pretty, witty little parable about Victorian values, and the hazards of being female and intelligent in a country as sexist and anti-intellectual as the United Kingdom. This romance has teeth. It bites the eternal issues of class, and sex, and freedom. (Philip Howard, *The Times*).



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