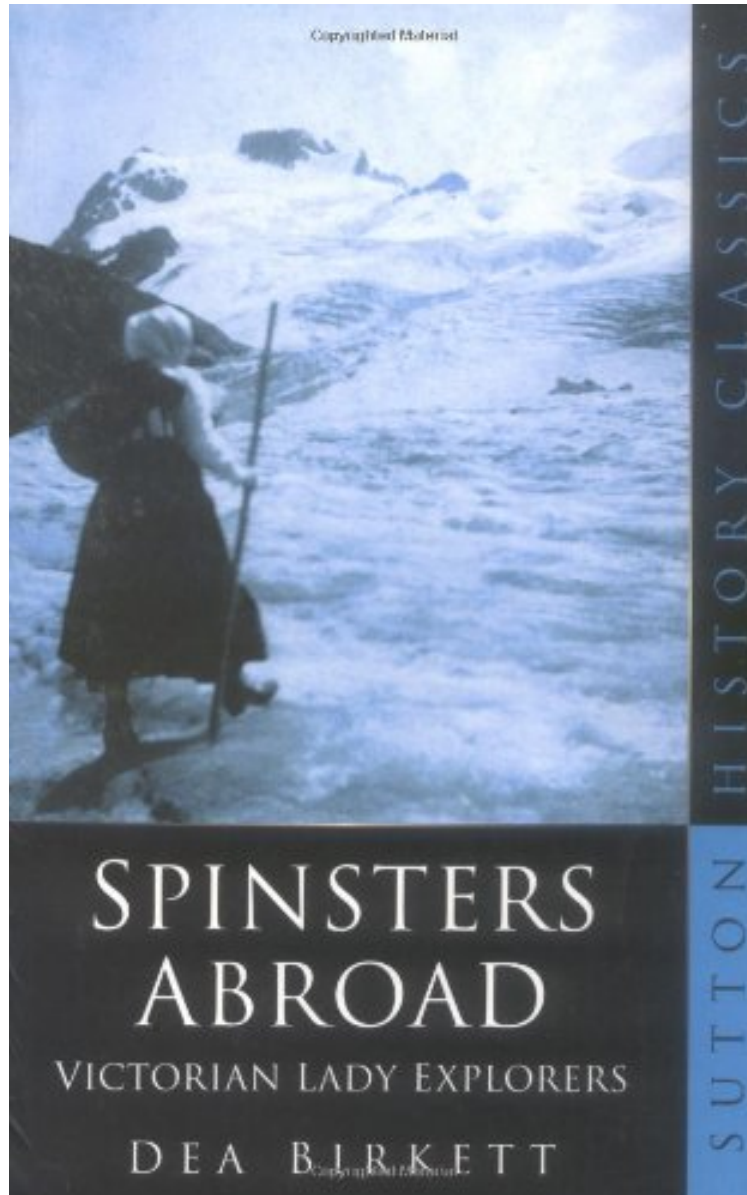


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Birkett draws upon the diaries and writings of more than 50 women to vividly reconstruct the aspirations and experiences of the Victorian pioneers who ventured through the remote peaks and perilous rivers of horizons abroad--spurning the security and comfort of their middle-class lives.

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