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Flora Fraser : Maud The Illustrated Diary of a Victorian Woman before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Maud The Illustrated Diary of a Victorian Woman:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. diaries in the 1800's written humorously and honestly by I. Corlett. The illustrations for her diaries, by this slightly eccentric young lady, before she marries and has a family, generally poke fun at her own self and are meant to be funny picture stories more often than not. Generally they're very detailed, full colored with detailed backgrounds and there are even some landscapes. Maud definitely has a preference for enjoying the humor of life's quirks, even if she and her friends have to create them. Maud's diaries are fun and illuminating to read, for the many ways she managed to make the staid, stuffy, unchanging daily routines of Victorian English life interesting for herself and those around her. It's about everyday life for a Victorian woman living in semi-fine surroundings and what she finds to do with herself. She eventually did some teaching and formal painting and drawings and even married and had children, which seems to have ended her ability to devote time to her illustrated diaries. The book includes stories about her and her family's life, plus clippings and photos. Fun to read and enjoy the art and photos, and very eye opening regarding real, every day situations as they played out for the semi-wealthy in Victorian England, in the late 1800's to early 1900's.

Adapted from the original text of the Diaries of Maud Berkley. Many photos and drawing most from Maud Berkley. San Francisco, Chronicle Books 1987, 1st ed. thus, hb. Ill.: many colour illustrations. 192 pp. A contemporary picture

of the restraints and ambiguities of Victorian society. Introduction by Elizabeth Longford