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BORROWED TROUSERS

Diary of a Mormon Missionary

Volume II of In Polygamy's Shadow



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Following on from *In Polygamy's Shadow*, endorsed by Craig E. Jones, Q.C. BGS, LL.B., LL.M, Professor Of Law, Thompson Rivers University, Maggie Rayner writes a moving introduction and epilogue for her father's Mormon missionary journal.