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## Three Lives Tender Buttons

By Ms Gertrude Stein

Penguin Putnam Inc, United States, 2003. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 170 x 104 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. Three Lives Three short stories comprise Gertrude Stein's first significant work, each a psychological portrait of a different woman. The Good Anna is a kindly but domineering German servant. The Gentle Lena apathetically endures her miserable life until she dies in childbirth. Melanctha is a young Black woman learning about sexuality and love. Different as they may be, all three women are bound by poverty and all three face the restrictions of class, race, and sex with resignation. Tender Buttons Stein spoke of maintaining a continuous present, comprised of moments of consciousness, independent of time and memory. Nowhere is this more clear than in her prose poems Tender Buttons. Their repetitive sentences, juxtaposition of sounds, and simple language connote this continuous presence. To live in this state is to begin again and again, to use everything. Each of the three sections, Objects, Food, and Rooms, employs both this repetition and disjointed words to build images. Prose poetry at its most abstract expression, Tender Buttons is to writing what cubism is to art. (W.G. Rogers).



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