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A Social Biography of a London Childhood

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- Includes short stories by the interviewee that further embellish in creative and engaging ways her traumatic childhood experiences and memories.
- Adds to the literature on memory, trauma, war, domestic violence, and survival

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