



Papillon

By Charrière, Henri. O'Brian, Patrick, Translator.

HarperCollins. 1 Paperback(s), 1999. soft. Book Condition: New. An immediate sensation in France upon its publication in 1969, Papillon is a vivid memoir of brutal penal colonies, daring prison breaks, and seafaring adventures in shark-infested waters. Henri Charrière (nicknamed Papillon) tells of being wrongly convicted for murder and transported to French Guianafrom which, 42 days later, he made his first of nine thrilling escapes. The book was translated into English in 1970 by Patrick O'Brian (who notes in his introduction that a French minister laid the "hopeless moral decline of France" to the wearing of miniskirts and the reading of Papillon) and inspired the 1973 film of the same name starring Steve McQueen and Dustin Hoffman. 560.



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