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By Ben Ashcroft

Waterside Press. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 150 pages. Dimensions: 8.0in. x 5.2in. x 0.4in. A Going Straight genre life story which breaks new ground in taking as its focus the vagaries of the child care system and in doing so is reassuring for professionals and young people in care alike. It is a shocking fact that whilst just one per cent of young people enter care to be looked after by a local authority, foster parents and in childrens homes, a whopping 27 per cent of prisoners have been in care at some time or another. Ben Ashcroft was one of these. Fifty-one Moves is his vivid and telling first-hand account of his experiences in 37 different establishments. Altogether - as the books title implies - he was moved 51 times from his first placement as a ten-year-old until he left care at age 16, as he drifted into penal custody. With his experiences of young offender institutions behind him and out of trouble for ten years, his is a positive example of personal change. The book contains many insights as to how this came about as well as the impact of care on a vulnerable child and young person....



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