The Burning Glass
The Life of Naomi Mitchison
Jenni Calder

ABOUT THIS BOOK

‘It is always a bore being ahead of one’s time.’

The Burning Glass is the definitive biography of Naomi Mitchison: novelist, feminist, socialist, and campaigner for sexual freedoms and human rights.

‘Jenni Calder’s biography of Naomi Mitchison is a well-paced journey through a fascinating life which is difficult to put down. Calder approaches Mitchison’s various idiosyncrasies with a clear-eyed affection and a total lack of judgment. Her experiences should be the start of many feminist conversations about the dynamics of love affairs and sexual politics, and how women are treated as they age.’

-Holly Baxter, The Independent

KEY SELLING POINTS

• Naomi Mitchison is often thought of as the doyenne of Scottish Literature
• This engrossing biography charts the life of beloved British writer and activist
• The first biography of Mitchison to cover the entirety of her life

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