

The Bookworm

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Have you ever wondered what life was like in Elizabethan London? Or what it was like working in a grand house as a footman or skivvy in nineteenth century England? Somewhere, among the books about social history, social life and customs at the Brian O'Regan Memorial Library, you should find some answers. Here is a sampling of what is available.

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