



The Palace of Strange Girls by Sallie Day

The novel is set in 1959 at the height of the 'Scrap and Shut' cotton crisis, and centres around the Singleton family and their annual holiday in Blackpool.

Jack Singleton, a foreman at a local mill, has been offered both the job of mill manager and a union post, forcing him to choose between the welfare of his fellow workers and that of his family. As the novel continues shocking discoveries are made and promises broken, and the family struggle to find their place in a shifting society.