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Pickpocket

It's 1833. What do you do if you can't get a proper job? Crime is your only choice.

Criminal gangs love an enthusiastic small person like you. Pickpocketing is a common job – you even get training! You work with other young thieves, stealing things from pockets, bags and shops. It's simple – grab whatever you can, then run!



Just don't get caught. You can be locked up in jail for months, or even **executed**, just for stealing an apple or a pair of shoes. You could even be **transported** to another country. You might never come back!



If you can steal, you won't starve. But if you get caught, the punishments are harsh.



The horrible truth

In 1833, nine-year-old Nicholas White was caught stealing some paint. He was sentenced to death but was transported to Australia instead.