

# MADELEINE SYMONS

SOCIAL AND PENAL REFORMER

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## Key selling points

- A biography of Madeleine Symons on the sixtieth anniversary of her death.
- Written by Martin Ferguson Smith, OBE, professor emeritus of Classics at Durham University.
- Exploring the life of this inspirational woman who worked tirelessly for social justice and penal reform.

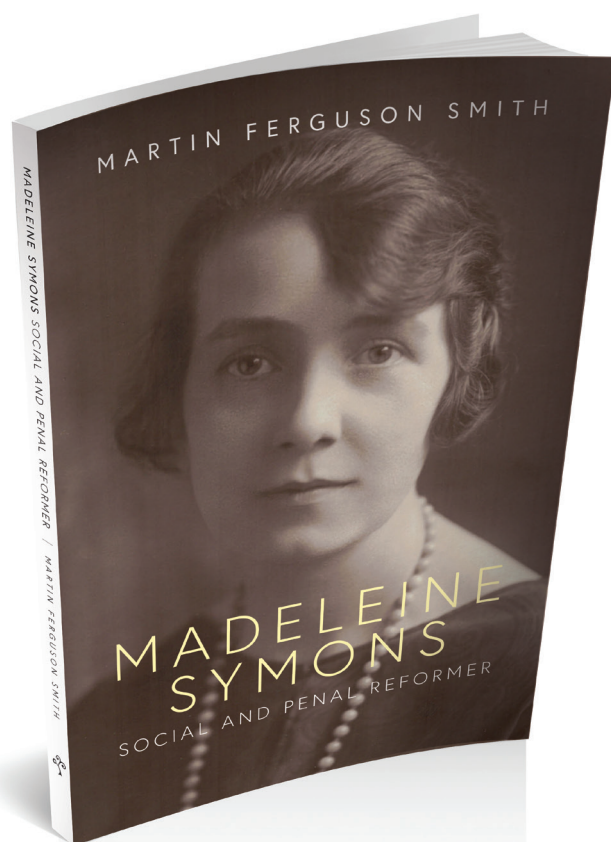
## About the book

Madeleine Symons (1895–1957) was a brilliantly effective women's trade union officer during and after the First World War. In years when she was still not qualified to vote, she served on the executive committee of the Labour Party, as a Justice of the Peace, and on a Royal Commission.

Her union career was abruptly ended in 1926 by pregnancy and unmarried motherhood. Later she worked tirelessly as a juvenile magistrate in London and for social justice and penal reform everywhere. Her story, told for the first time on the sixtieth anniversary of her death, is of historical and human interest and has lessons for society today.

## About the author

Martin Ferguson Smith, OBE, is professor emeritus of Classics at Durham University. He is well known not only as a classical scholar, but also for his highly original research and writing on Rose Macaulay, Virginia Woolf, the artists Helen and Roger Fry, Mary Gordon (first female prison inspector in Britain), Dorothy L. Sayers, Katharine Tynan, and Richard Reynolds (schoolteacher of Tolkien).



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