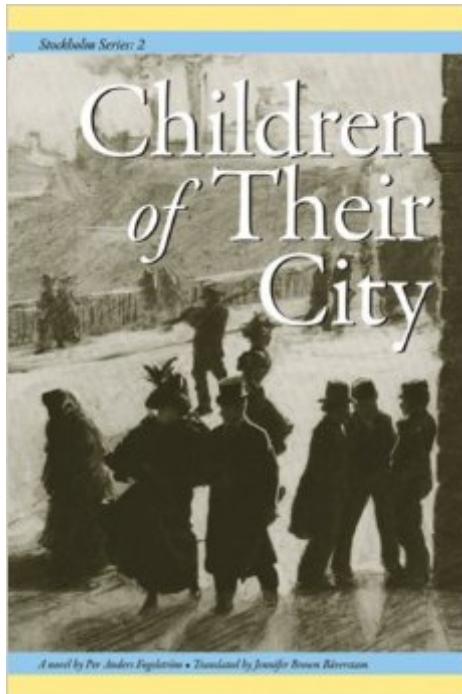


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Much appreciated book and good translation. Just too bad the last books in the series have not been translated yet. The book was delivered promptly and securely. Will order again when and if the final volumes are completed.

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