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> girl from God's country.' By the mid-1920s, however, the formation of the large Hollywood studios and vertical integration closed down the

independents, Shipman among them. Nevertheless, she continued writing until her death in 1970"--Jacket