



Greek Legends (Classic Reprint)

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Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Excerpt from Greek Legends In this book will be found a few of the legends known to every Greek and handed down from father to son, generation after generation, with the help of bards and poets, painters, and sculptors. It is the work of the poets and craftsmen that has preserved for us the great stories of early times, and we want to know the stories not only because they are very beautiful and interesting in themselves, but because the Greek artists have used them, and left us wonderful masterpieces based upon them, and because so much of Greek history and Greek religion is contained in them. Whenever Greeks gathered together, whether they assembled to celebrate some festival, such as a wedding or a funeral or a service to the gods, or merely met to enjoy food and drink and talk, their chief joy was in the songs and stories of the minstrels. At every such meeting the bard was present. Before the invention of writing, before men knew any way of preserving the stories of their...

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