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A Book of Short Stories Selected and Edited (Classic Reprint) (Paperback)

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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 A Book of Short Stories Selected and Edited Americans who are sensitive to the assertion that America has originated nothing in literature point to Edgar Allan Poe as the originator of the short story. In the ordinary sense of the word, of course he was nothing of the sort. The origin of the short story is lost in the unhistorical morning of human society. Not to speak of the ancient tales of Rome, Greece, Arabia, India, we know that there were numberless fine short stories in English and other modern tongues hundreds of years before Poe was born. The mystery of narrative effectiveness was not unknown to the nameless authors of the English and Scottish popular ballads. Before the end of the fourteenth century Chaucer had made a book of short stories, the Canterbury Tales, quite as vivid, various, and artful as this of ours. Painter's Palace of Pleasure, a prose collection of the Elizabethan Age, contained sufficient of human interest and dramatic situation to furnish plots for Shakespeare and a generation of great...



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