



## Browning and Meredith, Some Points of Similarity (Classic Reprint) (Paperback)

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Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*. Excerpt from Browning and Meredith, Some Points of Similarity The aphorism, Defend us from our friends; we can defend ourselves from our enemies, might well have originated with Browning and Meredith. No, says Browning in one of his letters, what I laughed at in my gentle audience is a sad trick the real admirers have of admiring in the wrong place-enough to make an apostle swear. That does make me savage. And one can well imagine Meredith shaking hands on this, with a fellow-feeling, apostolic in its fervor. An enemy may be amusing, even inspiring; but a friend, a stupid friend, is-a test of character. What irony in the fact that Browning and Meredith of all men, the sworn foes of sentimentalism, should be the victims of the sentimentalists! It is easily explained: the fatal attraction of the strong for the weak, therein is the tragicomedy of life. But to the sane admirers of an author, it is, nevertheless, a trial of the virtues. The clouds of perfumed vapor in which incense-burning devotees have obscured their gods, make one gasp for...



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