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By G K Chesterton

AEGYPAN, United States, 2008. Hardback. Book Condition: New. 231 x 155 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.G.K. Chesterton was one of the towering figures of British literature in the early twentieth century. A man of massive size, massive personality, and massive appetite, Chesterton's famous personality, dress, and personality gave rise to an eponymous adjective: Chestertonian. Although he is renowned for the Father Brown detective series, Chesterton also wrote volumes of nonfiction. First published in 1917, A Short History of England is exactly that, serving Chesterton's goal of publishing a popular book of history written from the standpoint of a member of the public. Filled with Chestertonian wit, the fast-moving history includes such gemlike observations as, Henry VIII was almost as unlucky in his wives as they were in their husband. Of the great late Victorian/Edwardian trio of wits: George Bernard Shaw, Oscar Wilde, and Chesterton himself, it is Chesterton whose body of work -- writing in an unassuming manner, without great pretension -- may well persist for future generations far longer than its charming, genial author ever imagined.



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