



The Elstones: A Novel (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 The Elstones: A Novel The autumn night was very still, following upon a week of wild and unchained equinox. Southwesterly gales of incredible fury had whipped the sea to a foaming, yeasty froth, of which discolored and almost solid fragments had rioted through the streets of the tormented coast towns. Many seasoned veterans of the Sussex woodlands that fringed the summits of the Downs had been uprooted by the gale. By contrast the night had acquired a stillness that was uncanny, almost tangible. It was, as it were, a hushing, a cessation almost, of Nature's very breathing, akin to, though far more deeply suggestive than, the exhausted stillness that so often presages the birth of dawn. The quiet, hushed world might have been pausing breathlessly in anticipation of some great and momentous event. In the creases and hollows of the great grey Downs thin wisps of mist drifted like fairy raiment, luminous, insubstantial. But the sky was perfectly clear and starlit, and the blunt shapes of the Downs were outlined in grey, shadowy silhouette, acquiring...



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