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By Lafcadio Hearn

Emereo Classics, Australia, 2012. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 246 x 189 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*.Lafcadio Hearn is well-known in his Japanese name, Koizumi Yagumo. Actually, I never doubted that Koizumi Yagumo was a born-Japanese. His famous Kwaidan, or Japanese ghost stories are so Japanese and it really scared me. When my brother told me that Koizumi Yagumo is actually a Western people, I didnt believe it at first. He was born in 1850 in Greek, his mothers country. Educated in his fathers country, Ireland, he went to USA when he was 19 years old. He worked as a journalist in New Orlens, then came to Japan and became an English teacher in Matsue, Shimane prefecture in 1890. He married with Yae Koizumi and got Japanese citizenship. Kwaidan includes ghost stories lik Earless Ho Ichi, a Biwa (Japanese PiPa) player and story teller of famous Heike legends, who was possessed by Heike (the warrior family once governed Japan then defeated) warriors ghosts because of his talent, and Mujina, bewitched racoon dogs which scare people to death. Koizumi Yagumo is more Japanese than Japanese. Koizumi Yagumo is still popular in Japan (and I believe...



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