



Whispering Windows: Tales of the Waterside (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 Whispering Windows: Tales of the Waterside The shape and soul of Shadwell are reflected in its name. Shadwell! Cold, grey, stony syllables, without lustre or savour; flat to the eye and the palate. It lies derelict between the river and Commercial Road. Its main streets are forlorn and bleak of aspect, and are named in cruel mockery - Formosa Terrace, Acacia Grove, Plum-tree Walk. Laburnum Court, Its dominant odours are fried fish and bilge-water. Its colour by day is of cobweb; by night, of the jungle. Its noise is persistent; a brown drone overridden by intermittent crashes. It is sliced at intervals by alleys without light, whose silence is not peace, but silence so tense that one knows it must soon be broken by some sound of dread. On the flood-tide floats from Limehouse the bittersweet alluring smell of Asia; and the spring comes slowly up this way. It is a circus of harsh, unavailing endeavour. Here wealth does not accumulate, though men decay. Its people are casual labourers, outcasts, petty thieves, ineffectual shopkeepers. They are...



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