



The Character of Victor Hugo's Ruy Blas (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 Character of Victor Hugo's Ruy Blas The character of Ruy Blas is one difficult of interpretation. To many critics the brilliant, ambitious lackey-minister seems as puzzling as the young, dreamy Danish prince was to the court at Elsinore. Doumie says he is entirely too silly. Brunetiere considers his conduct at times as improbable and inexplicable. Marzials goes so far as to express disbelief in him altogether. A careful analysis of the character of Ruy Blas, the details of which are given in the subsequent paragraphs of this paper, reveals the fact that he is withal a hero par excellence of the romantic ideals in literature. Before proceeding to this analysis, it is only fair to the author to allow him to state his own purpose in creating such a character. In his preface to Ruy Blas, Hugo declares that the hero represents the struggling and aspiring people who have the future but not the present. The people for whom Ruy Blas, stands are orphans, poor, intelligent, and strong; placed...



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