



And the Sphinx Spoke (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 And the Sphinx Spoke This would be a worthless world without intellectual and artistic pessimists. They are the supreme critics of life. From AEschylus to Joseph Conrad they have pronounced the single word Vanitas. They are the everlasting Nay-sayers. The pessimists have created some of the greatest works of literature of all time. From the dipus Rex of Sophocles to The Mysterious Stranger of Mark Twain - a roll call of the poets, prophets, novelists and philosophers who have hurled their imprecations at Life and its Author would be a roster of most of the geniuses of the ages. There is something solid and substantial in pessimistic poets and philosophers. Optimism is the easiest way. To bawl, Cheer up! - all s right with the world! pays - witness Elbert Hubbard and Doctor Crane. The solidity and substantiality of pessimists is rooted in final thought and feeling. A great pessimist is never a coward; an optimist is seldom anything else. Still, the paradox of the whole matter lies in this: the cry of the pessimist..



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