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The Shoemaker: A Tale of Love, Magic and Unnatural Acts

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Kathryn Cottam, United States, 2014. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 201 x 132 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Once upon a time is how the fairy tales go, but this is no child s story. Edward Cordwainer is a lonely and disgruntled shoemaker in the remote northern town of Houndstooth. Not satisfied with carving out a meagre living in his father s profession, Edward is desperate for a better life. So he enters into an arranged marriage with a wealthy merchant s daughter. But upon meeting Anastasia, his bride, her scarred face repels him. As his wedding fails to lead to luxury and love, he succumbs to an erotic encounter with a mysterious woman, resulting in a magical bargain to become the most famous man in all the kingdom. As the magic takes hold, Edward does indeed become wealthy and well-known, not to mention the latest plaything of the Princess Ambrosia, who gets anything and anyone she desires. But magic is a tricky business, for it demands balance. Sure enough, Edward discovers that his invocation is not without cost. As Edward s star rises, darkness begins to envelop Houndstooth and all its inhabitants when...



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