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By Hugo Von Hoffmannsthal, Marie D. Hottinger, Roger De Montebello, Olivier Berggruen

Pushkin Press. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Andreas, Hugo Von Hoffmannsthal, Marie D. Hottinger, Roger De Montebello, Olivier Berggruen, This novel from the great Austrian poet, dramatist, essayist and librettist, Hugo von Hoffmannsthal Andreas is a fascinating insight into the work of this renowned author. Andreas is an unfinished and posthumously-published novel of violence and naivety, pathos and melancholy. Set in the eighteenth century, it tells the story of a young Viennese aristocrat who intends to travel alone to Venice as the first stage of his 'Grand Tour'; On his journey, he acquires an unsavoury servant who unleashes a trail of destruction and violence, which taints and corrupts Andreas' first experience of love. Andreas' loss of innocence takes place in the misty alleyways and gloomy palaces of La Serenissima, whose masked inhabitants confuse and entice him, the women either madonnas or whores indistinguishable behind their masks. Hugo von Hoffmannsthal (1874-1929) was a writer of poems and plays from a young age. As a teenager, he met Stefan George, and had several poems published in his journal Blätter für die Kunst. He went on to study in Vienna, and along with Peter Altenberg and Arthur Schnitzler, was a member of...



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