



Far-Away Stories (Paperback)

By William J Locke

Createspace Independent Publishing Platform, 2017. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.AT the end of Far-Away Stories Mr. Locke provides, by request, a note on Septimus and Marcus Ordeyne and other well-known characters of his, in war-time. They are shadows, he says: But shadows are not cast by nothingness. These shadows of things unseen are real. In fable lies essential truth. In true fable - yes. The really important question about Messrs. Locke and Tarkington and romances of their sort is whether they are true fabulists or clever fabricators. Do they believe in fairies? Is faith in the simple human virtues their real clue? Do they deal in types rather than characters because they can't manage anything better, or because type rather than character is proper to romantic fable? We may give the generous answer. These men believe in themselves and in their job. Whether they altogether understand what it is they believe in and what their job is, may be another matter. In fable lies essential truth, but truth in a singularly elementary and emotional form. Let the fabulist beware how he confounds it with the richer if sterner truth which...

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