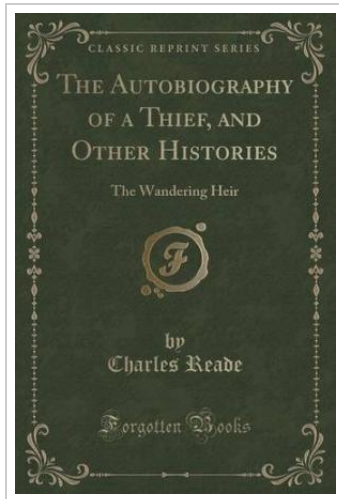




The Autobiography of a Thief, and Other Histories: The Wandering Heir (Classic Reprint)

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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 Autobiography of a Thief, and Other Histories: The Wandering Heir The readers of It is Never too Late to Mend may remember that in chap. xxii. the chaplain set the thief to write his life honestly. He was not to whitewash, and then gild himself, nor yet to vent one long self-deceiving howl of general, and therefore sham, penitence; but he was to be, with God s help, his own historian and sober critic. Accordingly Thomas Robinson wrote this autobiography in - Jail; and my readers may have noticed that at first I intended to print it with the novel. It cost me a struggle to resign this intention; for it was the central gem of my little coronet. But the novel, without the autobiography, was five ordinary volumes by printers calculation, and a story within a story is a frightful flaw in art. Moreover, I was attacking settled, long-standing prejudices. Prejudice is a giant, against whom Truth and Humanity need to be defended with great spirit, and, in some desperate cases, with a...



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