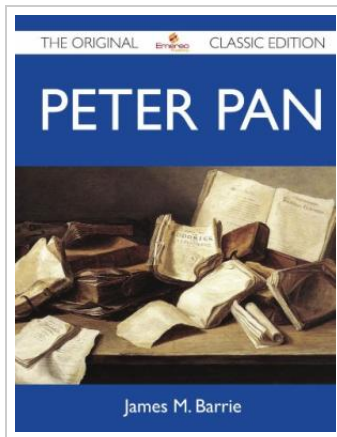




Peter Pan - The Original Classic Edition

By James M Barrie

Emereo Classics, Australia, 2012. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Original. 246 x 189 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.All children, except one, grow up. Thus begins a great classic of children's literature that we all remember as magical. What we tend to forget, because the tale of Peter Pan and Neverland has been so relentlessly boiled down, hashed up, and coated in saccharine, is that J.M. Barrie's original version is also witty, sophisticated, and delightfully odd. The Darling children, Wendy, John, and Michael, live a very proper middle-class life in Edwardian London, but they also happen to have a Newfoundland for a nurse. The text is full of such throwaway gems as Mrs. Darling first heard of Peter Pan when she was tidying up her children's minds, and is peppered with deliberately obscure vocabulary including embonpoint, quietus, and pluperfect. Lest we forget, it was written in 1904, a relatively innocent age in which a plot about abducted children must have seemed more safely fanciful. Also, perhaps, it was an age that expected more of its children's books, for Peter Pan has a suppleness, lightness, and intelligence that are literary in the best sense. In a...



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