



The Water of the Wondrous Isles. by: William Morris: Fantasy Novel (Paperback)

By William Morris

Createspace Independent Publishing Platform, 2016. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ****** Print on Demand ******. The Water of the Wondrous Isles is a fantasy novel by William Morris, perhaps the first writer of modern fantasy to unite an imaginary world with the element of the supernatural, and thus a precursor of much of present-day fantasy literature.[1] It was first printed in 1897 by Morris own Kelmscott Press on vellum and artisanal paper in a blackletter type of his own design. For the wider reading public, a hardcover trade edition was published later that year by Longmans, Green and Co. The novel s importance in the history of fantasy literature was recognized by its republication by Ballantine Books as the thirty-eighth volume of the celebrated Ballantine Adult Fantasy series in November, 1971. The Ballantine edition includes an introduction by Lin Carter. Morris considered his fantasies a revival of the medieval tradition of chivalrous romances; in consequence, they tend to have sprawling plots of strungtogether adventures. These prose romances were written in a mock-Medieval style that modern readers may find arduous and fustian. Plot summary[edit] Stolen as a child and raised in the wood of Evilshaw as servant to...



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