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Bombardier (Valancourt 20th Century Classics) (Paperback)

By Stephen Gilbert

Valancourt Books, 2016. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Stephen Gilbert (1912-2010) is best remembered today for his fantasy and horror novels, including *The Landslide* (1943), which featured a talking dragon and sea serpent, *Monkeyface* (1948), centering on an super-intelligent ape, and *Ratman's Notebooks* (1968), the best-selling novel about killer rats that inspired several films. Given his background as an imaginative novelist, it is perhaps surprising that Gilbert also authored one of the most realistic and authentic novels to emerge from World War II, *Bombardier* (1944). A success when first published, Gilbert's novel is a lightly fictionalized account of his own experiences in the 3rd Ulster Searchlight regiment in France in 1940, in the period leading up to the military disaster that ended in the Dunkirk evacuation. Narrated from the point of view of a young and ingenuous enlisted man, Lance-Bombardier Peter Rendell, and written in Gilbert's characteristically elegant prose, *Bombardier* is a fascinating account of a major event in 20th-century history. A writer of distinction. - E. M. Forster Dramatic, at times exciting, and always admirably written. - Forrest Reid The tremendous events of the retreat to Dunkirk, the...



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