



Vaila (Dodo Press) (Paperback)

By M P Shiel

Dodo Press, United Kingdom, 2008. Paperback. Condition: New. Abridged edition. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Matthew Phipps Shiel (1865-1947), was a prolific British writer of fantastic fiction, remembered mostly for supernatural and scientific romances, published as novels, short stories and as serials. He wrote under the pen name Gordon Holmes. After working as a teacher and translator he broke into the fiction market with a series of short stories published in The Strand and other magazines. His early literary reputation was based on two collections of short stories influenced by Poe published in the Keynote series by John Lane, Prince Zaleski (1895) and Shapes in the Fire (1896), considered by some critics as the most flamboyant of the English decadent movement. His first novel was The Rajah s Sapphire (1896), based on a plot by William Thomas Stead, who probably hired Shiel to write the novel. Around 1899-1900 Shiel conceived a loosely linked trilogy of novels which have been described as possibly the first future history series in science fiction. Shiel s lasting literary reputation is largely based on Notebook III of the series which was serialized in The Royal Magazine in abridged form...



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