



The Dream: (Le Reve)

By Emile Zola

Peter Owen Publishers, United Kingdom, 2005. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Translation. 192 x 130 mm. Language: French, English. Brand New Book. Emile Zola's novel *Le Reve* (1888) is a love idyll between a poor embroideress and the son of a wealthy aristocratic family set against the background of a sleepy cathedral town in northern France. A far cry from the seething, teeming world evoked in Zola's best-known novels, it may at first seem a strange interlude between *La Terre* and *La Bête Humaine* in the 20-volume sequence known as the Rougon-Macquart cycle. However, belying its appearance as a simple fairytale the work reveals many of Zola's characteristic themes, the conflict between heredity and environment, between spirituality and sensuality, between the powerful and the powerless. The dream of Angelique, the central character, is at once reality and illusion, and this interplay provides the driving force of the novel. Above all, it is, as Zola himself described it, a poem of passion, showing the lyrical dimension of his genius. This important new translation by Michael Glencross, the first in English since that of Eliza Chase in 1893, recaptures the vigor of Zola's original. The translator also provides a...

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