



The Orphan (Classic Reprint) (Paperback)

By Thomas Otway

Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Excerpt from The Orphan Thomas Otway was born at Trotton, near Midhurst, Sussex, on the 3d of March, 1651-52. He was the only son of Humphrey Otway, at the time curate of Trotton and later rector of Woolbeding, three miles from Trotton. The father died in 1670, it is believed, and Thomas was left with no inheritance beyond his loyalty, so he tells us. He was, however, educated at Winchester College, being enrolled as a commoner in 1668, and returned to Woolbeding to spend his vacations. Though said to be poor he entered Christ Church, Oxford, 1669, as a gentleman commoner, and was there educated, as Mr. Gosse puts it, in the company of men above his own station in life. At an early age Otway was attracted by the theatre and in the autumn of 1672 he left the University to enter upon the life of the London stage. His first appearance as an actor on the boards of the Duke's Theatre in Dorset Gardens became also his last, for his single performance was a...

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