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Harrington, and Ormond; Tales - 1817 (Novel). by: Maria Edgeworth (Original Classics) Volume 2.: The Novel Is an Autobiography of a Recovering Anti-Semite, Whose Youthful Prejudices Are Undone by Contact with Various Jewish

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Createspace Independent Publishing Platform, 2017. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Harrington is an 1817 novel by British novelist Maria Edgeworth. The novel was written in response to a letter from a Jewish-American reader who complained about Edgeworth's stereotypically anti-semitic portrayals of Jews in *Castle Rackrent* (1800), *Belinda* (1801), *The Absentee* (1812), and her *Moral Tales* (1801) for children. The novel is an autobiography of a recovering anti-Semite, whose youthful prejudices are undone by contact with various Jewish characters, particularly a young woman. It also makes parallels between the religious discrimination of the Jews and the Catholics in Ireland. Set between the Jewish Naturalization Act of 1753 and the Gordon Riots of 1780, the timeframe highlights these connections. Synopsis Harrington follows the protagonist of the same name who explores his memories to better understand his views on Jews. The novel begins with Harrington's early image of Jews, formed by stories told by his maid of Simon the Jew. Harrington says that the stories of Simon the Jew were used upon every occasion to reduce me to passive obedience. His parents further strengthen this image by rewarding Harrington's antisemitism. Only after...


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