



Pages from the Journal of an Author (Classic Reprint)

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Excerpt from Pages From the Journal of an Author But that a great artist should be essentially like ourselves-this is so hard for many to allow. Art must be a miracle to them, or it is not art. That they should be taken by the sleeve and invited to look into the secret impulses of the artists soul is so much sacrilege to them, that even if they have seen they will deny that anything was there. And perhaps they are Speaking truth. Perhaps there is not one general life, but many lives and between them a gulf is fixed, so that the one will never understand the other. But there will still be those who believe themselves on the side of the artists, and who, because they believe it, will be truly on their side, who believe that somehow art is the supreme human activity, that it is an abstract and brief chronicle of time, of life, of all philosophies, all aspirations, all realities. They will never believe that art is set apart from them by the gulf of a miracle, or that the soul of even the greatest among artists passes their understanding. Perhaps they are wrong, but they will go to their grave in the delusion, for without it they cannot live. About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books. Find more at www.forgottenbooks.com This book is a reproduction of an important historical work. Forgotten Books uses state-of-the-art technology to digitally reconstruct the work, preserving the original format whilst repairing imperfections present in the aged copy. In rare cases, an imperfection in the original, such as a blemish or missing page, may be replicated in our edition. We do, however, repair the vast majority of imperfections successfully any imperfections that remain are intentionally left to preserve the state of such historical works.

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