



Confessions of an English Opium Eater

By Thomas de Quincey

Penguin Books Ltd, United Kingdom, 2003. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Revised ed.. 194 x 128 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. A masterpiece of autobiography, and perhaps the first literary memoir of an addict, the Penguin Classics edition of Thomas De Quincey's *Confessions of an English Opium-Eater* is edited with an introduction by Barry Milligan. *Confessions* is a remarkable account of the pleasures and pains of worshipping at the Church of Opium . Thomas De Quincey consumed daily large quantities of laudanum (at the time a legal painkiller), and this autobiography of addiction hauntingly describes his surreal visions and hallucinatory nocturnal wanderings through London, along with the nightmares, despair and paranoia to which he became prey. The result is a work in which the effects of drugs and the nature of dreams, memory and imagination are seamlessly interwoven, describing in intimate detail the mind-altering pleasures and pains unique to opium. *Confessions of an English Opium-Eater* forged a link between artistic self-expression and addiction, paving the way for later generations of literary addicts from Baudelaire to James Frey, and anticipating psychoanalysis with its insights into the subconscious. This edition is based on the original serial version of 1821, and...



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