



The Conspiracy of the Norman Barons: Against William the Bastard, Duke of Normandy (Classic Reprint)

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Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Excerpt from The Conspiracy of the Norman Barons: Against William the Bastard, Duke of Normandy He had been brought in infancy to the court of the young Duke, and treated by him as his brother. William had always shown him the greatest affection. When Guy grew up, William knighted him and gave him the lordships of Vernon and of Brionne and the surrounding territory. For so many benefits he was repaid only with the blackest ingratitude. Puffed up by his recent elevation, he dreamt of a greater one yet. He fortified his castles, and awaited the day when he might overturn the Duke, his liege lord, and place himself on his throne. At the same time, two of the most powerful barons of Lower Normandy, Neel, Viscount of Cotentin, and Renulf, Viscount of Bessin, were waging war against one another, notwithstanding the duke's orders to lay down their arms. This resistance which was represented to Guy as a proof of his cousin's want of authority, encouraged him in his pretensions. He at once traversed Normandy,...

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