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The Purgatory of St. Patrick

By Pedro Calderon de la Barca

Createspace, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Calderon was born in Madrid. His mother, who was of Flemish descent, died in 1610; his father, an hidalgo of Cantabrian origins who was secretary to the treasury, died in 1615. Calderon was educated at the Jesuit College in Madrid, the Colegio Imperial, with a view to taking orders; but instead, he studied law at Salamanca. Between 1620 and 1622 Calderon won several poetry contests in honor of St Isidore at Madrid. Calderon's debut as a playwright was *Amor, honor y poder*, performed at the Royal Palace on 29 June 1623. This was followed by two other plays that same year: *La selva confusa* and *Los Macabeos*. Over the next two decades, Calderon wrote more than 70 plays, the majority of which were secular dramas written for the commercial theatres. Calderon served with the Spanish army in Italy and Flanders between 1625 and 1635. By the time Lope de Vega died in 1635, Calderon was recognized as the foremost Spanish dramatist of the age. Calderon had also gained considerable favour in the court, and in 1636-1637 he...



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