



## Who's Who on the Stage 1908: The Dramatic Reference Book and Biographical Dictionary of the Theatre (Classic Reprint) (Paperback)

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Forgotten Books, 2017. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*. Excerpt from Who's Who on the Stage 1908: The Dramatic Reference Book and Biographical Dictionary of the Theatre Prima donna, was born at Riverside, New York, in 1878, and is a descendant of the famous Pickens family of South Carolina, whose members distinguished themselves in the Revolutionary War, in battling for the Confederacy and in the making of the New South. Her grandfather was for many years United States Ambassador at St. Petersburg. With her sister, Jessie, she was reared in luxury, and the aptitude both displayed for vocal and instrumental music was fostered by special education in voice culture and banjo and guitar playing. Their father's death, however, left them in such straitened circumstances that they were forced to turn to account the talent which they had displayed at charity benefits and the drawing-room entertainments of their friends. Going to New York, they obtained a place in the chorus of Augustin Daly's The Foresters company at his theatre. They attracted the attention of Edward E. Rice, and he engaged them for a singing specialty in...



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