



## The Great Tradition: An Interpretation of American Literature Since the Civil War (Classic Reprint) (Hardback)

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Forgotten Books, 2017. Hardback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*. Excerpt from The Great Tradition: An Interpretation of American Literature Since the Civil War The planting aristocracy, which the war had destroyed, had been not only the chief political rival of industrial capitalism but also the principal critic of commercialism as a way of life. There seethed to be nothing to oppose the triumph of business enterprise. Both the farmers of the West and the workers of the East had made common cause with the industrialists against the South, and they were slow to distinguish between their interests and those of the ruling class. The revolution in agriculture had destroyed the farmer s self-sufficiency, and the Greenback Movement testified to the existence of unrest. Many Workers, seeing how small a share they received of the nation s increased wealth, organized into unions. But the promise of the frontier was always there to lure the venture some, and the sight of great fortunes, seemingly built so casu ally, by the exercise oi such familiar attributes, encouraged even the least self-confident American to hope for Comfort if not for wealth. Movements of protest received little...



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