



Melmoth the Wanderer: Lock and Key Version (Paperback)

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Createspace Independent Publishing Platform, 2018. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Balzac likens the hero of one of his short stories to Moliere s Don Juan, Goethe s Faust, Byron s Manfred, Maturin s Melmoth-great allegorical figures drawn by the greatest men of genius in Europe. But what is Melmoth ? Why is HE classed as a great allegorical figure ? exclaimed many a surprised reader. Few had perused-few know at this day-the terrible story of Melmoth the Wanderer, half man, half devil, who has bartered away his soul for the glory of power and knowledge, and, repenting of his bargain, tries again and again to persuade some desperate human to change places with him- penetrates to the refuge of misery, the death chamber, even the madhouse, seeking one in such utter agony as to accept his help, and take his curse-but ever fails. Why this extraordinary tale, told with wild and compelling sweep, has remained so deep in oblivion, appears immediately on a glance at the original.



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