



The Gambler

By F. M. Dostoevsky

Dover Publications Inc., United States, 1996. Paperback. Book Condition: New. New edition. 208 x 133 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. A compulsive gambler himself at a certain period of his life, Dostoevsky wrote this novel with real authority. Set in the appropriately named Roulettenburg, a German spa with a casino and an international clientele, it concerns the gambling episodes, tangled love affairs, and complicated lives of Alexey Ivanovitch, a young gambler; Polina Alexandrovna, the woman he loves; a pair of French adventurers, and other characters. Although not as dark as some of Dostoevsky's other works, *The Gambler* nevertheless offers a grim and psychologically probing picture of the fatal attractions of gambling. Among its strengths are its well-drawn characters Aunt Antonida, although lightly sketched in, is especially delightful and its faithful depiction of life among the gambling set in fashionable German watering holes. This edition reprints Constance Garnett's authoritative translation.

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