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By Sir Walter Scott

Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Excerpt from Poetical Works: Edited, With a Critical Memoir Sir Walter Scott came of a family of Scotch gentlemen. One of his ancestors, six generations before him, whose name also was Walter Scott, is celebrated in The Lay of the Last Minstrel; and his grandfather, Robert Scott, is described in the poetical introduction to Marmion, the third canto. Sir Walter s father, who was a successful solicitor in Edinburgh, was the first man of the great riding and sporting and fighting clan to adopt a town life and a sedentary profession. It was in Edinburgh that Sir Walter, the ninth of twelve children, was born on August 15, 1771, precisely two years, (as the date has usually been fixed) after the birth of Napoleon, whose life he wrote; a piece of literary work that was done for profit that brought a large sum, and that has long ago been forgotten. Several more or less important dates in English literature fall near this time. During this very year, 1771, Gray died; the next year Coleridge was born, and...



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