



The Story of the Alphabet (Classic Reprint) (Paperback)

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Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Excerpt from The Story of the Alphabet Our transition from barbarism to civilization can be attributed. to the alphabet. Those great pre-historic discoveries and inventions such as the making of a fire, the use of tools, the wheel and the axle, and even our modern marvelous applications of steam and electricity pale into insignificance when compared with the power of the alphabet. Simple as it now appears after the accustomed use of ages, it can be accounted not only the most difficult, but also the most fruitful of all the achievements of the human intellect. Man lived by bread alone and without the alphabet untold ages, and with a practical alphabetic system not more than 3,000 years. So important and wonderful was this step deemed by those who lived nearer the time of its inception - in the time before the wonder of its extraordinary powers had been blunted by long possession and common use - that its invention, as well as that of writing, was invariably attributed to divine origin. Modern investigation always seeks sources other...



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