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Createspace Independent Publishing Platform, United States, 2016. Paperback. Condition: New. Paul Hardy (illustrator). Illustrated. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*.Lays of Ancient Rome is collection of ballads about heroic episodes in Roman history written by Thomas Babington Macaulay, becoming immensely popular in Victorian times, and were a popular subject for recitation, a common pastime of the era. It was set reading in British public schools for more than a hundred years. The Roman ballads are preceded by brief introductions, discussing the legends from a scholarly perspective. Macaulay explains that his intention was to write poems resembling those that might have been sung in ancient times. Thomas Babington Macaulay (1800-1859) was a British historian and Whig politician. He wrote extensively as an essayist and reviewer; his books on British history have been hailed as literary masterpieces. The Poems: In the first poem, Horatius, describes how Publius Horatius and two companions, Spurius Lartius and Titus Herminius, held the Sublician bridge against the Etruscan army of Lars Porsena, King of Clusium. The three heroes are willing to die in order to prevent the enemy from crossing the bridge, and sacking an otherwise ill-defended Rome. While the trio close with the front ranks of the Etruscans, the Romans hurriedly work to demolish the bridge, leaving their enemies on the wrong side of the swollen Tiber. The Battle of Lake Regillus, celebrates the Roman victory over the Latin League, at the Battle of Lake Regillus. Several years after the retreat of Porsena, Rome was threatened by a Latin army led by the deposed Roman king, Lucius Tarquinius Superbus, together with his son, Titus Tarquinius, and his son-in-law, Octavius Mamilius, prince of Tusculum. The fighting described by Macaulay is fierce and bloody, and the outcome is only decided when the twin...

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