



## Second Thoughts

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Createspace, United States, 2014. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 203 x 133 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*.Every Christmas the young Marlowes leap over twelve lighted candles: If you clear them all, you will be lucky all the year; if you put out any one, you will be unlucky in that month of the year to which it corresponds; if you put out the first, you will be unlucky in January, the second in February, and so on. When her turn comes to leap Gillian extinguishes three candles and it soon becomes clear that a year of grief and misfortune is about to unfold inexorably before her. What! cries her uncle, dropping knife and fork with a clatter on his plate; what! do you mean to say, in an astounded voice, that you - you have made up your mind to - to take him after all? I have not the chance, she answers, with a pallid smile; he will not take me. He says - making herself repeat his words with accurate distinctness - he says that he would rather be flayed alive than marry me! God bless my soul! cries the Squire, bounding...



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