



Old-World Japan: Legends of the Land of the Gods (Paperback)

By Frank Rinder

Westphalia Press, United States, 2014. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Frank Rinder (1863-1937) was the art correspondent of the Glasgow Herald and adviser to the National Gallery in Melbourne, Australia. He had the luck of a substantial bequest to the gallery, which enabled him to be aggressive as its agent. His other books included a history of the Royal Scottish Academy and a study of the etchings of D.Y. Cameron. He selected Thomas Heath Robins (1869-1953) to do the illustrations for his Japan book. Dr Hilary Taylor writes: . .this book is a gem. Clearly, it reveals contemporary enthusiasm for things Japanese - a taste which had burgeoned since the 1860s and the reopening of Japan to the West - and also Robinson's remarkable talent and agility as an illustrator. . It is also interesting to compare Robinson's illustrations with those produced, in the same year, by the young Aubrey Beardsley for Thomas Malory's Morte d Arthur. Beardsley, of course, had learned much from Japanese prints. In contrast, Thomas Heath Robinson's illustrations for Rinder's book on Japan do not have the same static figures, tense with eroticism,...



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