



The Piazza Tales (Classic Reprint) (Paperback)

By Herman Melville

Forgotten Books, 2017. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Excerpt from The Piazza Tales Whoever built the house, he builded better than he knew; or else Orion in the zenith ?ashed down his Damocles sword to him some starry night, and said, Build there. For how, otherwise, could it have entered the builder s mind, that, upon the clearing being made, such a purple prospect would be his - nothing less than Greylock, with all his hills about him, like Charlemagne among his peers. Now, for a house, so situated in such a country, to have no piazza for the convenience of those who might desire to feast upon the view, and take their time and ease about it, seemed as much of an omission as if a picture-gallery should have no bench; for what but picture-galleries are the marble halls of these same lime stone hills - galleries hung, month after month anew, with pictures ever fading into pictures ever fresh. And beauty is like piety - you cannot run and read it; tranquillity and constancy, with, nowadays, an easy chair, are needed. For though, of old, when reverence was in...



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