



Gallants of the Old Court

By Mateiu I. Caragiale

Eliteratura. Paperback. Condition: New. 170 pages. Dimensions: 9.0in. x 6.0in. x 0.5in. The Romanian writer Mateiu I. Caragiale (great playwright Ion Luca Caragiale's son), lived between 1885-1936. His main literary works are the short story *Remember* (1921) and the novel *Gallants of the Old Court* (1929, Romanian Writers Society's Award). He shines through the originality and distinction of his masterly controlled style. Written in the first person, *The Gallants of the Old Court* (*Craii de Curtea-Veche*) reveals the traits of, and satirizes, Romanian society in the early 20th century. Three self-indulgent, decadent characters while away their time, drinking, playing cards, chasing women. They also make allowance for the company of Gore Pirgu, an uncultured self-seeker of very low extraction, whose abominable character mirrors the new political class of the time. In this novel, the dying world of medieval boyars meets a rising fiercely capitalistic world, with new rules and ruthless behavior. Respected Romanian literary critic George Calinescu wrote: Reality is transfigured, it becomes fantastical and a sort of Edgar Poe-like unease stirs these worthless figures of the old Romanian capital. *Gallants of the Old Court* opens a fascinating universe in front of us, as well as explains usually untapped regions of...

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