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## Perlefter: The Story of a Bourgeois

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By Roth, Joseph. Panchyk, Richard, Translator.

Peter Owen. 1 Paperback(s), 2013. soft. Book Condition: New. A novel fragment that was discovered among Joseph Roth's papers decades after his death, this book was written between 1928 and 1930, after the publication of *The Silent Prophet* and before his masterpieces *Job* and *The Radetzky March*. Rich in irony and exemplary of Roth's keen powers of social and political observation, it chronicles the life and times of well-to-do Austrian urbanite Alexander Perlefter, narrated by his young relative Naphthali Kroj, who has come to live with him after being orphaned. The colorful cast includes Perlefter's four children: foolish Alfred, who boasts of the venereal diseases he contracts from servant girls and widows; hapless Karoline, who seems to repel any serious suitors with her ambition to be a mathematician in a science institute; flamboyant Julie, pale and anemic, who likes any man inclined toward marriage; and beautiful but flighty Margarete, besotted with a professor of history. 143.



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