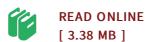




Perlefter: The Story of a Bourgeois

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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-todo 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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