



The Napoleon Myth (Classic Reprint)

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Forgotten Books, United States, 2016. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Excerpt from The Napoleon Myth It is remarkable how much more our historical traditions are saturated with mythology than we are commonly aware of, while at the same time legends, in spite of their fanciful dress, contain more of actual fact than, on a superficial inspection, historical criticism seems to warrant. Traditions, be they ever so mythological, if they are genuine, are much more conservative than they may appear at first sight. Though the Trojan war may be a tangle of legends reflecting primitive myths, the Homeric narrative is after all based on actual occurrences. Though William Tell never existed in Switzerland, there must have existed many William Tells, not only in Switzerland but all over the world. Though the Biblical account of Samson s deeds, like the twelve labors of Hercules, is the echo of a Babylonian solar epic which glorifies the deeds of Shamash in his migrations through the twelve signs of the zodiac, there may have been a Hebrew hero whose deeds reminded the Israelites of Shamash, and so his adventures were told with...



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