



Flashlights on Nature: A Popular Account of the Life Histories of Some Familiar Insects, Birds, Plants, Etc (Classic Reprint) (Paperback)

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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 Flashlights on Nature: A Popular Account of the Life Histories of Some Familiar Insects, Birds, Plants, Etc Don t let my title startle you; it was Linnaeus himself who first invented it. Everybody knows the common little green-flies or plant-lice that cluster thick on the shoots of roses; and most people know that these troublesome small insects (from the human point of view) are the true source of that shining sweet juice, rather slimy and clammy, that covers so many leaves in warm summer weather, and is commonly called honey-dew. A good many people have heard, too, that ants use the tiny green creatures in place of cows, coaxing them with their feelers so as to make them yield up the sweet and nutritious juice which is the ants substitute for butter at breakfast. But comparatively few are aware how strange and eventful is the brief life-history of these insignificant little beasts which we destroy by the thousand in our flower-gardens or conservatories with a sprinkle of tobacco-water. About the Publisher Forgotten Books publishes hundreds...



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