

The Valley of Decision (Paperback)

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Createspace Independent Publishing Platform, United States, 2014. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. It was very still in the small neglected chapel. The noises of the farm came faintly through closed doors-voices shouting at the oxen in the lower fields, the querulous bark of the old house-dog, and Filomena s angry calls to the little white-faced foundling in the kitchen. The February day was closing, and a ray of sunshine, slanting through a slit in the chapel wall, brought out the vision of a pale haloed head floating against the dusky background of the chancel like a water-lily on its leaf. The face was that of the saint of Assisi-a sunken ravaged countenance, lit with an ecstasy of suffering that seemed not so much to reflect the anguish of the Christ at whose feet the saint knelt, as the mute pain of all poor down-trodden folk on earth. When the small Odo Valsecca-the only frequenter of the chapel-had been taunted by the farmer s wife for being a beggar s brat, or when his ears were tingling from the heavy hand of the farmer s son, he found a melancholy kinship in that...



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