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## Arnold Bennett: A Biography (Paperback)

By Margaret Drabble

FABER FABER, United Kingdom, 2011. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Main. 234 x 154 mm. Language: English Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*. Arnold Bennett was born in a street called Hope Street. A street less hopeful it would be hard to imagine . Thus begins Margaret Drabble s biography of a man whose most famous achievement was to re-create, in such novels as The Old Wives Tale and Clayhanger , the life, atmosphere and character of the Five Towns region in which he was born and grew up. Arnold Bennett is a very personal book. What interests me , writes the author, is Bennett s background, his childhood and origins, for they are very similar to my own. My mother s family came from the Potteries, and the Bennett novels seem to me to portray a way of life that still existed when I was a child, and indeed persists in certain areas. So like all books this has been partly an act of self-exploration . Of Bennett as a writer Drabble says The best books I think are very fine indeed, on the highest level, deeply moving, original and dealing with material that I had never before...



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