



Dolly Vardon

By Anton Holden

Createspace, United States, 2013. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. I was bought as a slave and for a slave, Dolly told her daughters. then she d laugh and sing, She s only a bird in a gilded cage. Dolly Vardon was abandoned at birth to Victorian London s cruel baby farms. As a child, Dolly begs for pennies on the streets of London, dancing to the organ grinders of Leicester Square and for the gents who toss her coins, earning money for her keep. A chance encounter brings Dolly, poorest of the poor, together with Harry Sidney Nichols, dealer in the rarest of manuscripts, incunabula and priceless books to the wealthiest collectors and libraries of the world - and a shoe fetishist. Harry buys Dolly from her foster mother and takes her as his teenage ward, introducing her to a world of books and luxury she could not have imagined. But there is a price. Partnered with Leonard Smithers as The Kamashatra Society, Cosmopoli, The Grolier Society, The Athenian Society and The Erotica Biblion Society Harry Nichols publishes Burton s Thousand Nights and One Night and...

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