



The Life of J. M. W. Turner: Founded on Letters and Papers Furnished by his Friends and Fellow Academicians (Paperback)

By Walter Thornbury

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY PRESS, United Kingdom, 2013. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.This pioneering two-volume biography, first published in 1862, explores the genius of the groundbreaking Romantic landscape and historical painter J. M. W. Turner (1775-1851). As both journalist and historian, author Walter Thornbury (1828-76) has a light touch, yet he draws on a wide range of correspondence, sketchbooks, watercolours and etchings to give a detailed picture of Turner's artistic development and connections, and his increasingly eccentric character. Volume 2 fills out the record by detailing the artist's relationships with patrons such as Lord Egremont of Petworth House, and such fellow Royal Academicians as the sculptor Sir Francis Chantrey. Among the topics covered here are Turner's love of poetry, dealings with buyers, miserliness (or otherwise), the tailing off of his powers, and his final mysterious metamorphosis into Admiral Booth. Advised by Ruskin not to try to mask the dark side of his subject, Thornbury presents a rounded but still admiring picture of his hero.



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