



The Correspondence of Sir Philip Sidney (Hardback)

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Oxford University Press, United Kingdom, 2012. Hardback. Book Condition: New. 242 x 162 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. Sir Philip Sidney is one of the most important authors of the Elizabethan era. He died at the age of 31 and in that time wrote the first great English novel, the Arcadia; the first major Petrarchan sonnet-sequence in English, the Astrophil and Stella; and the first important English critical text, the Defence of Poesy. His short life was extraordinarily eventful. He was the son of the Viceroy of Ireland and the nephew and heir of the Queen s favourite, the Earl of Leicester. At 17 he began a three-year tour of Europe, during which he was received at the Court of France, decorated by the French King, and got caught up in the St Bartholomew s Massacre. At 22 he was chosen by the Queen as her representative on a diplomatic mission to the new Emperor, Rudolph II, in Vienna. At 30 he nearly left with Drake for the New World, but was sent instead to the Netherlands as part of English aid in their defensive war against the Spaniards. There he became Governor of Flushing, one of the...



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