



Songs for Sixpence: A Story about John Newbery (Classic Reprint) (Paperback)

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Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Excerpt from Songs for Sixpence: A Story About John Newbery I have asked several hundred people - they were all ages, children, mothers, and grandmothers - what tales they remember best; and most of them said Mother Goose. We owe this name for our nursery rhymes to an eighteenth-century English bookseller - John Newbery, the first publisher to make something of a specialty of children s books. He lived back before the American Revolution, and one of his many books was among the earliest collections of nursery rhymes, and among the best. It was called Mother Goose s Melody, and it was reprinted again and again for American children, with more and more additions, long after John Newbery was dead and the American Colonies had become the United States of America. Though the Newbery Award for the most distinguished American children s book of the year is named in honor of John Newbery, not many people know much about him. I enjoyed reading about him and about his author friends and about English life in the seventeen...



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