



Philobiblon: A Treatise on the Love of Books (Paperback)

By Richard De Bury

Createspace, United States, 2014. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. From the Preface: NOT often has a little book with a great reputation been so neglected by publishers as has the Philobiblon of Richard de Bury. Though generally cited as the first book written in praise of books, as it is admitted to be the most earnest plea in defense of book-collecting, it is singularly unknown even to book-lovers and has at times been out of print and even scarce. First printed in Latin at Cologne in 1473 and reprinted from time to time during three hundred and fifty years, it was not translated into English until 1832. At that time John Bellingham Inglis published a translation anonymously through Thomas Rodd, Bookseller, London, in a small edition of about two hundred copies. The present issue is a reprint of this first translation, chosen partly as a tribute to the translator who first discovered this little classic to English readers, and partly because it was the only translation available, for reasons that will be obvious. Two other translations have since been made, (one by Ernest C. Thomas and the other by Andrew Fleming...



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