



Euripides, Vol. 2 (Classic Reprint)

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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 Euripides, Vol. 2 The Suppliants are the mothers of the Argive chiefs, who fell in the cause of Polynices before the gates of Thebes. Creon, who succeeded to the crown on the death of the brothers, exceeded the inhuman injunctions of Eteocles, and refused the rites of sepulture, not only to Polynices, but to all the leaders who perished in that attack, commanding that their bodies should lie unburied, and exposed to ravenous birds and beasts of prey. Adrastus, king of Argos, being unable to prevail on Creon to restore the bodies of his friends, and not being in a condition to appeal to arms, goes to Eleusis, and implores the protection of Theseus, king of Athens: the mothers of the dead chiefs attend him: these form the Chorus, and suppliantly intreat that benevolent hero to engage in their cause. Theseus is induced to consent to an armed interference in behalf of these unfortunate women through the intercessions of his mother AEthra: having defeated the Theban forces in a general engagement, he restores the dead...



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