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CreateSpace Independent Publishing Platform. Paperback. Condition: New. This item is printed on demand. 460 pages. Dimensions: 9.0in. x 6.0in. x 1.0in.A review from The National Review, Volume 45: IN Foma Gordyeeff Gorky gives us a psychological study of two generations of the prosperous Russian tradesman type. The inner life of strong, self-willed characters, as it thrives under an inheritance of brutality and selfishness, is here unrolled before us. An obstinate feeling of independence is the elementary quality upon which something beautiful and great might have been built up. But the self-will and imprudence of the principal character is his ruin. He ends as a lunatic drunkard. Spirits occupy in Gorkis novels the same place as they do in Russian life. We see how, in the lower classes, every upward flight is drowned in them. A sea of spirits sweeps over all Russian crops. Foma Gordyeeff contains the figure of one man and those of two or three women that one does not forget. The man is the very worldly-wise and withered old tradesman Mayikin, who with his biting philosophy is an almost Dickensian figure. The women are his daughter, a young girl whose passionate love of learning and craving for education remain unsatisfied because her fathers hardness crushes her, and her cousin does not return her love, and two courtesans from the banks of the Volga, one who is all submissive devotion, and one who is beautiful in her audacity and pride. But no female character that Gorki has created can be compared with Varenka Olessov, nor is there another drawn in anything like such detail. Opposed to her we have a future University professor, a young man with normal opinions, intelligent, liberal, and neither conservative nor enthusiastic, who is inordinately afraid of binding himself to a woman whose opinions...

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