



Gabriel and the Hour Book

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Yesterday s Classics, United States, 2005. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 223 x 150 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Relates the story of the making of an hour book as a wedding gift from King Louis of France to Lady Anne of Brittany and the good fortune it brought to little Gabriel, Brother Stephen s color grinder. Inspired by the bunch of violets and cuckoo-buds Gabriel brings into the workroom, Brother Stephen conceives a new idea for an illuminated border. Instead of painting the border with scrolls and birds and flowers in the conventional way, he would decorate the book with borders of gold on which he would paint in realistic fashion the meadow wildflowers, and bees and butterflies, and all the little flying creatures. As Brother Stephen s color grinder, Gabriel makes the ink, grinds the gold, gathers the flowers, and prepares the colors for him. After the book is completed, Gabriel slips into the book a sheet on which he has penned a prayer to Lady Anne: I, Gabriel Viaud, am Brother Stephen s colour-grinder; and I have made the ink for this book, and the glue, and caught the eels, and ground...



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