



The Learned Women (Paperback)

By Moliere (Poquelin)

Createspace Independent Publishing Platform, 2016. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Les Femmes savantes (The Learned Ladies) is a comedy by Moliere in five acts, written in verse. A satire on academic pretention, female education, and preciosite (French for preciousness), it was one of his most popular comedies. It premiered at the Theatre du Palais-Royal on 11 March 1672. Two young people, Henriette and Clitandre, are in love, but in order to marry, they must overcome an obstacle: the attitude of Henriette s family. Her sensible father and uncle are in favour of the marriage; but unfortunately her father is under the thumb of his wife, Philaminte. And Philaminte, supported by Henriette s aunt and sister, wishes her to marry Trissotin, a scholar and mediocre poet with lofty aspirations, who has these three women completely in his thrall. For these three ladies are learned ; their obsession in life is learning and culture of the most pretentious kind, and Trissotin is their special protege and the fixture of their literary salon. The Learned Ladies was the last-but-one of Moliere s plays and the last of his great rhyming-couplet comedies. Its predecessors had...

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