



Printing: Its Birth and Growth (Classic Reprint) (Paperback)

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Forgotten Books, 2017. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Excerpt from Printing: Its Birth and Growth To the general question, When was printing invented? The average man answers, In the fifteenth century, or thereabouts, for so inferior school-books and cyclopaedias teach, without reservation. The average individual is much too apathetic to question what he sees in cold print, or to search in more reliable quarters for the origin of the various arts and sciences. So, touching the art which gives him his education and religion, which affords oft-times his living, and (too rarely) his recreation, the individual is either supremely oblivious or heedless of its real source. He knows not (and cares less) that the magic art was employed in primitive form by the ancients; so long ago, indeed, that the fifteenth century is but as a kind of yesterday. For over nine centuries the Chinese have practised printing by means of engraved pear-tree blocks, and in most parts of that empire to-day the natives prefer their old-fashioned method to the European manner. It is thought that they invented in the twelfth or thirteenth century moveable types of clay or wood, as...



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