



Picciola (Classic Reprint) (Paperback)

By Joseph Xavier Boniface Saintine

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Picciola, the touching story of a prisoner and a flower, is always new and fresh, although it has been reprinted in the original French more than twoscore times, and has been translated into every language of Europe since it first appeared in 1836. Such success was little expected by its modest author, who wrote it for his own satisfaction alone, but was finally persuaded to print it by a friend, who took up the manuscript by chance and could not lay it down until he had read it through. Saintine received the Monthyon prize from the French Academy and the ribbon of the Legion of Honor in recognition of the merits of Picciola, but these honors did not give him such pleasure as the thought that some real prisoner might find consolation in his book. This hope was fulfilled when Louis Napoleon wrote to him from the fortress of Ham, where he was imprisoned, that Picciola had been both a lesson and a solace to him, had shown him that a philosopher has hidden...

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