



The Sylph (Paperback)

By Georgiana Duchess of Devonshire

Createspace, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 254 x 178 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.The Sylph by Georgiana - Duchess of Devonshire. The Sylph is a 1778 novel by Georgiana Cavendish, the Duchess of Devonshire. It was her second printed work and was published anonymously under the name A Young Lady . The Sylph is an epistolatory novel. It centres on Julia Grenville, a Welsh beauty and ingenue (with whom there are parallels with Cavendish herself) who leaves her idyllic rustic life to marry a rich member of the aristocracy. Over the course of time she uncovers the fact that her husband is a rake and a libertine, lavishing his wealth on gambling and mistresses. The letters are chiefly written to her sisters and provide narrative detail about Julia s life in London and her disillusionment with the mores of the inhabitants of the city as well as her miscarriage. We also discover that she has a long-term admirer, Henry Woodley, that she has growing affections for another man (the Baron Tonhausen) and also that she has a mysterious and enigmatic protector and guardian, who is the sylph of the title. The...



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