



## The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists (Paperback)

By Robert Tressell

Penguin Books Ltd, United Kingdom, 2004. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 190 x 126 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. A sustained attack on selfish capitalism, and a Socialist critique of Edwardian England's social inequality, Robert Tressell's *The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists* includes an introduction by Tristram Hunt in Penguin Modern Classics. *The Ragged Trousered Philanthropists* tells the story of a group of working men who are joined one day by Frank Owen, a journeyman-prophet with a vision of a just society. Indicting the philanthropy of the working class, who toil solely for the benefit of their masters, and initiating them into the secrets of the Great Money Trick which alienates them from their labour, Owen's spirited attacks on the greed and dishonesty of the capitalist system rouse his fellow men from their political quietism. A masterpiece of wit and political passion and one of the most authentic novels of English working class life ever written. Robert Noonan (1870-1911) who took the pseudonym Tressell from the trestle table of the sort used by decorators, was an Irish housepainter who came to England from South Africa in 1900. He settled in Hastings, where he worked as a signwriter for...



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