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## Utopia: Thomas More (Paperback)

By Sir Thomas More

Createspace, United States, 2010. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 213 x 137 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*.Although there are other Utopia books written before Thomas More's, it is this book that made its title into a by-word in the English (and other) languages. Utopia was More's response to Plato's Republic, in that it is a framework for a perfect society according to More's ideas of the time. Originally published in Latin, the first English version appeared in 1551, some 16 years after More's death. More's Utopia, which is a brief book (100 pages), portrays a communal, democratic society. It is paradoxically unregulated and tightly regulated. More's citizens just want to do what is best for their society, and that covers a remarkably narrow range of possibilities. There are, of course, some who break the laws of the land, and More deals with them harshly. Harsh is a relative term, though, and his punishments were hardly harsh in a day when it was a hanging offense to steal a loaf of bread for your starving family. More's Utopia is also a strongly religious society. Religious tolerance is...



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