



Electric Shepherd: A Likeness of James Hogg

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Faber & Faber. 1 Paperback(s), 2005. soft. Book Condition: New. A self-educated poet from the Scottish Borders town of Ettrick, James Hogg (1770-1835) was one of the most remarkable literary figures of pre-Victorian Scotland. He was dogged by debt throughout his career and occasionally lampooned as "the Ettrick Shepherd" for his coarse manner, but his novels particularly *The Confessions of a Justified Sinner* and other writings were popular in his time and have since been rediscovered as singularly original and flavorful works. Karl Miller, who grew up near Edinburgh and founded the London Review of Books, here gives us a rich portrait of Hogg and his world, which included such figures as Walter Scott. "Miller's writing seems to breathe the air of the period so steadily and so deeply that the reader might occasionally experience a part of himself venturing forth to mingle with the multitude of personalities on display." *Daily Telegraph* (London) 405.

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