The collection of tales here translated by Louise and Aylmer Maude is divided into seven parts. The first, Tales for Children, includes the two stories which Tolstoy himself considered the best he ever wrote, *God Sees the Truth, but Waits*, and *A Prisoner in the Caucasus*. The popular stories in Part II include the famous *What Men Live By*; they show the miseries and virtues of the Russian peasant, and in their clear and sincere message of brotherhood are among the most impressive of Tolstoy’s writings. The fairy story *Ivan the Fool* is a brilliantly-told parable, ironic, witty, and surprising. Part IV consists of three brief moral tales. In Part V seven folk-tales are retold; among them the harsh and vivid *How Much Land does a Man Need?* and the mysterious *The Empty Drum*. Two adaptations from stories by Bernardin de Saint-Pierre

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