



The Psychology of Don Quixote: And the Quixotic Ideal (Paperback)

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Createspace Independent Publishing Platform, United States, 2016. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. From the pen of Spanish Nobel Laureate, Santiago Ramon y Cajal (1852-1934), the visionary of science nicknamed Don Quixote of the Microscope, comes this essay, based on a 1905 lecture during the celebrations that marked the tricentennial of the Ingenioso hidalgo de La Mancha. It is a mighty knock and a romantic fustigator against the awkward materialism that has been reigning in modern times. The text bespeaks the Cajalian spirit in the best possible manner, the deep love for science, and a unique vision of Spanish culture. Further, it offers a new outlook on Cervantes and his hero, highly praised later by educators. In Cajal s view, Don Quixote is not a madman, but a gentleman with solid ideas who consciously chose to be madly loyal to his convictions and duties; the hidalgo is an ideal of humanity, magnificence and justice; those values, instead of being signs of illness, must always be involved in any true science.



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