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 1. Ready-Money Mortiboy by Walter Besant
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 5. The Shadow of a Crime by Hall Caine
 6. The Social Kaleidoscope by George R. Sims
 7. Departmental Ditties by Rudyard Kipling
 8. Juvenilia by Arthur Conan Doyle
 9. The Trail of the Serpent by M.E. Braddon
 10. The House of Elmore by F. W. Robinson
 11. Dawn by H. Rider Haggard
 12. Hudson's Bay by R. M. Ballantyne
 13. The Premier and the Painter by I. Zangwill
 14. The Western Avernus by Morley Roberts (Read by Patti Cunningham)
 15. A Life's Atonement by David Christie Murray
 16. A Romance of Two Worlds by Marie Corelli
 17. On the Stage and Off by Jerome K. Jerome
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 19. Californian Verse by Bret Harte
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 21. Undertones and Idyls and Legends of Inverburn by Robert Buchanan
 22. Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson
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This is not a children's book, as may be supposed from the title, but a collection of essays first published in *The Idler* magazine, in which over twenty well-known writers describe with characteristic style and humour their experiences in producing their first book... and getting it published.

The book is profusely illustrated, not only with portraits of the authors, but also with scenes and illustrations from the books discussed.

Full of charm, humour and pathos, this book is like a fireside chat with authors of the past, as well as being a fascinating insight into the literary scene of the late 19th century.

Read mostly by Ruth Golding, with some contributions by Patti Cunningham.

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