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*History***THE LIVES OF ROGER CASEMENT**

by B. L. Reid  
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Roger Casement, a former British consul knighted for his service to the Crown, left England for Germany in 1914 to fight for Irish freedom. He was captured by the English and sentenced to death. In this well-researched psychological portrait, historian Reid asserts that Casement landed in Ireland in April 1916 in order to stop, not foment, the bloody Easter Rising, which he believed was doomed to failure. Confirming that Casement's captured diaries contained authentic accounts of his homosexuality, Reid condemns British Home Office officials and the prosecutor who circulated key pages to other highly placed Londoners, including the American ambassador. By seeing to it that Casement was widely condemned as a moral degenerate, the British Cabinet vengefully ensured that this man of deeply divided personal and political loyalties would be hanged.

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Turn-of-the-century Europe appeared to its critics as a mosaic of static, mediocre societies, set in their dull and unjust ways. From the Cubists to such now classic writers on bureaucracy as Robert Michel, the intellectuals often reacted impressively. But they did not enrich the field of political and social philosophy. The renowned Georges Sorel (1847-1922), remembered for his *Reflexions on Violence*, produced contradictory writings that attest principally to tireless effort. This intelligent Frenchman could neither submit to his era's conventional wisdom nor transcend it with a coherent set of answers to its problems. He remains important, however, for the start he made on the critical examination of the moral content of social movements and Marxist thought. This anthology provides the first English translations of many of his essays and reviews. A sample Sorelism: "If the reductionist [Marxist] for-