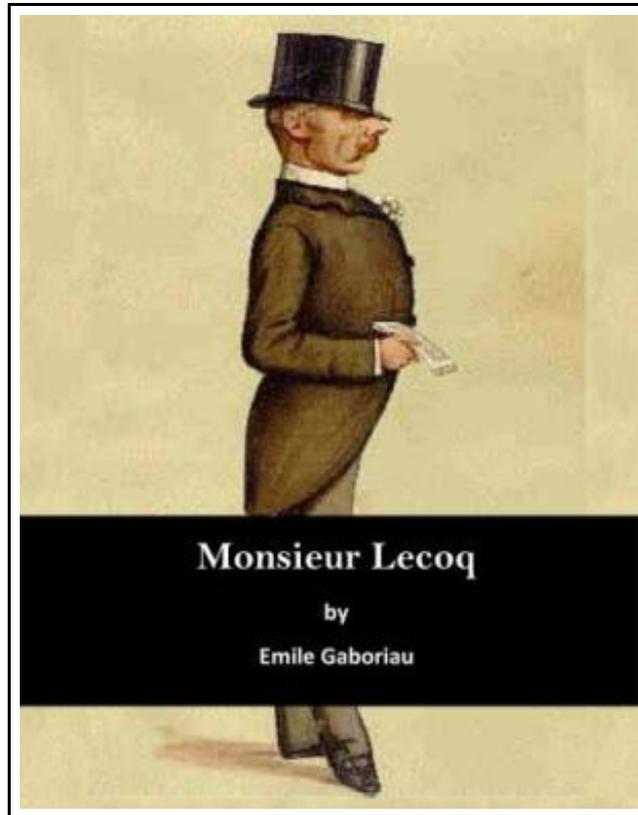


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Createspace Independent Publishing Platform, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 280 x 216 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Classic Detective Novels - Monsieur Lecoq - by Emile Gaboriau - Monsieur Lecoq is the creation of Emile Gaboriau, a 19th-century French writer and journalist. Monsieur Lecoq is a fictional detective employed by the French Surete. The character is one of the pioneers of the genre and a major influence on Sherlock Holmes (who, in *A Study in Scarlet*, calls him a miserable bungler), laying the groundwork for the methodical, scientifically minded detective. In French, Monsieur is Mister and his surname literally means The Rooster. In the person of armchair detective Tabaret, nicknamed Pere Tireauclair, (lit. Father Bringer of Light, or Old man Brings-to-light), a title Lecoq himself will eventually inherit, Gaboriau also created an older mentor for Lecoq who, like Mycroft Holmes and Nero Wolfe, helps the hero solve particularly challenging puzzles while remaining largely inactive physically. In Tabaret's case, aid is dispensed from the comfort of his bed. One inspiration for the character of Monsieur Lecoq came from a certain Eugene Francois Vidocq, a real life criminal who later became a policeman and eventually the first director of the Surete. Another influence was a character named Monsieur Lecoq, who appeared in *Les Habits Noirs*, written by Paul Feval, pere who had been Gaboriau's employer in 1862. Honore de Balzac introduced the notorious Vautrin, also inspired by Vidocq, in *Le Pere Goriot* in 1834. Also, Alexandre Dumas, pere created the character of Monsieur Jackal, the mysterious head of the Paris Surete in *Les Mohicans de Paris* (1854-59). Lecoq first appears in *L Affaire Lerouge*, published in 1866, in which he is described as formerly an habitual criminal, now at one...



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