

PENGUIN MODERN CLASSICS

SOUTH WIND

Norman Douglas was born in 1868, educated at Uppingham and in Germany and spent some early years in the Diplomatic Service, chiefly in St Petersburg and Naples. The publication of Siren Land in 1911 first brought him to the notice of the public as a writer of individuality and unusual distinction. Two further travel books followed in quick succession, Fountains in the Sand (1912) and Old Calabria (1915), but it was his novel South Wind, published in 1917. which made his name widely known to two continents, and this is now accepted as a fiction classic. Although, or because, his output was a limited one he holds a unique position in the literature of our time. He died in 1952.

