

## PREFACE

It would be impossible to write any book about William Morris without making use of Mr. Maekail's life of him. My object in this book has not been to write a shorter life of Morris, but to explain his importance to his own time and to ours. I have been, however, under many obligations to Mr. Maekail, which I gratefully acknowledge. I have also made use of Miss May Morris's introduction to the collected edition of her father's works, for which I have to thank her; and I am indebted to Lady Burne-Jones's life of her husband for a few facts and for more general impressions.

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