



Parliament of Fowls (Paperback)

By Geoffrey Chaucer

Createspace, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.The Parlement of Foules (also known as the Parliament of Foules, Parlement of Briddes, Assembly of Fowls, Assemble of Foules, or The Parliament of Birds) is a poem by Geoffrey Chaucer (1343-1400) made up of approximately 700 lines. The poem is in the form of a dream vision in rhyme royal stanza and is the first reference to the idea that St. Valentine s Day is a special day for lovers. The poem begins with the narrator reading Cicero s Somnium Scipionis in the hope of learning some certeyn thing. When he falls asleep Scipio Africanus the Elder appears and guides him up through the celestial spheres to a gate promising both a welle of grace and a stream that ledeth to the sorweful were/ Ther as a fissh in prison is al drye (reminiscent of the famous grimly inscribed gates in Dante s Inferno). After some deliberation at the gate, the narrator enters and passes through Venus s dark temple with its friezes of doomed lovers and out into the bright sunlight. Here Nature is convening...

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