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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. deftly captures the complexity of human relationshipsBy Mr. D. P. JayForrest Reid (1875- 1947) was an Irish novelist, literary critic and translator. He was, a leading pre-war British novelist of boyhood. He was influenced by the novelist E. M. Forster, who used to visit him but he was repelled by Forsters Maurice. He has been labelled 'the first Ulster novelist of European stature', and comparisons have been drawn between his own coming of age novel of Protestant Belfast, Following Darkness and James Joyce's novel about growing up in Catholic Dublin, A Portrait of the Artist as a Young ManReid strongly disapproved of homosexual acts (despite his being gay, he was full of self-loathing) and, even more so, of men who interfered with boys.A supernatural novel about Tom Barber, an orphaned boy in search of the mysterious uncle he has never met, and about whom there is a hint of scandal. The story of 'Uncle Stephen' came to Reid in a dream, and the dreamlike evocation of the Ulster countryside in which it is set.Its the first of a trilogy which goes backwards in time. In this book, Tom is 16.The uncle is a recluse who is reputed to dabble in black magic.Unathletic, interested in books and the beauty of nature, Tom is like many a sensitive child in literature (and life). What sets him apart is that the people he encounters are not the unfeeling ogres of such stories. Tom Barber is not a radiant spark hidden under a bushel, but a human being, as responsible as anyone else for his difficulty in relating to the mass of humanity. His interactions with those who can't understand him ring true, and the range of Reid's sympathy, like Tom's, includes many characters lesser writers would dismiss or stereotype. Uncle Stephen is not primarily a psychological novel, but it deftly captures the complexity of human relationships

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