Kwaidan: Stories and Studies of Strange Things. Bernhard Tauchnitz, 1907. Lafcadio Hearn. 1907

Kwaidan is subtitled "Stories and Studies Of Strange Things". Hearn was born in Greece in 1850 and spent his childhood in Dublin, while in America he was a crime reporter in Cincinnati where he remained until 1877 when he moved to New Orleans, moving to Japan in 1890. Contents: xii - xxv - Introduction - by Paul Murray 001 - from "Glimpses Of Unfamiliar Japan".

In his wonderfully informative and lengthy introduction Paul Murray states that "Kwaidan" translates as "Old Japanese ghost stories" (p.XX). If you like them, please take time to visit my blog also, where I talk about other things in addition to book reviews. I first encountered Lafcadio Hearn in an Anthology of American stories, in a weird little story: The Boy Who Drew Cats. He characterizes Kwaidan as "stories and studies of strange things." A hundred thoughts suggested by the book might be written down, but most of them would begin and end with this fact of strangeness. To read the very names in the table of contents is like listening to a Buddhist bell, struck somewhere far away. Some of his tales are of the long ago, and yet they seem to illumine the very souls and minds of the little men who are at this hour crowding the decks of Japan's armored cruisers. But many of the stories are about women and children--the lovely materials from which the best fairy tale See what's new with book lending at the Internet Archive. Kwaidan : stories and studies of strange things. Item Preview. remove-circle. Copyright-evidence. Evidence reported by scanner-ian-white for item kwaidanstories00hearrich on Sep 13, 2006; visible notice of copyright and date; stated date is 1904; not published by the US government; Have not checked for notice of renewal in the Copyright renewal records. Copyright-evidence-date. 2006-09-13 20:38:16.