



## The Sad End of Policarpo Quaresma (Paperback)

By Lima Barreto

Penguin Books Ltd, United Kingdom, 2015. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. The seed of madness exists in all of us and with no warning may attack, overpower, crush and bury us . Policarpo Quaresma - fastidious civil servant, dedicated patriot, self-styled visionary - is a defender of all things Brazilian, full of schemes to improve his beloved homeland. Yet somehow each of his ventures, whether it is petitioning for Brazil s national language to be changed, buying a farm to prove the richness and fertility of the land, or offering support to government forces as they suppress a military revolt - results in ridicule and disaster. Quixotic and hapless, Quaresma s dreams will eventually be his undoing. Funny, despairing, moving and absurd, Lima Barreto s masterpiece shows a man and a country caught in the violent clash between illusion and reality, hope and decline, sanity and madness.

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