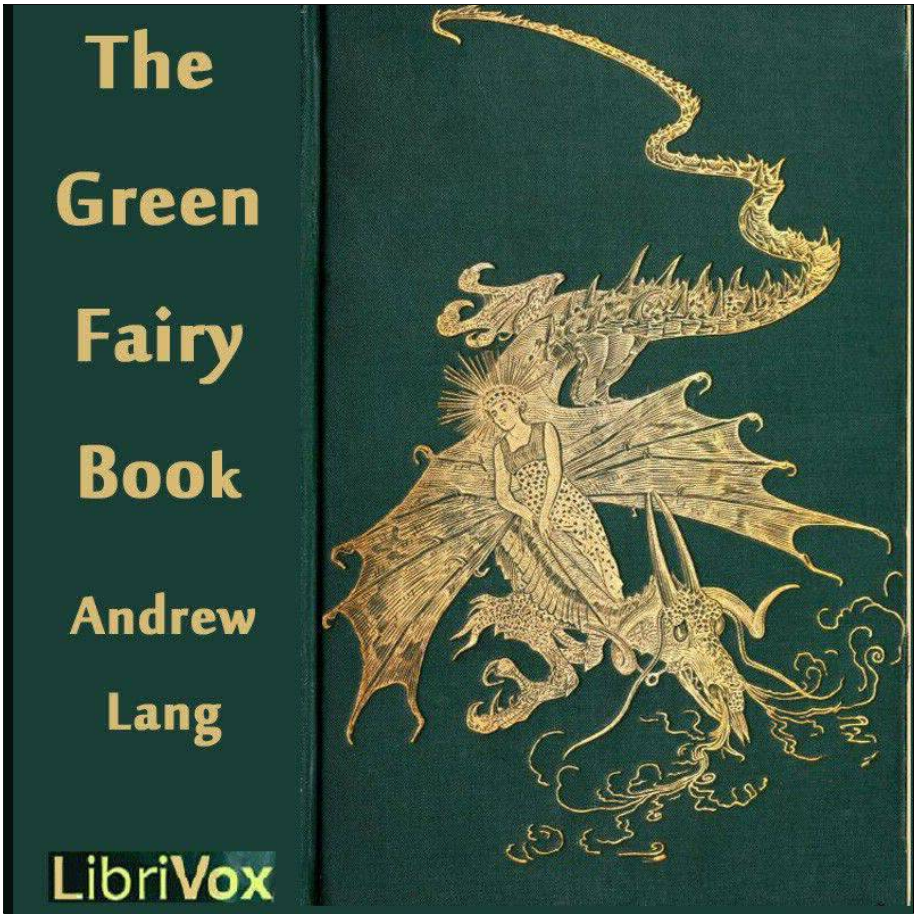

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"The irony of Lang's life and work is that although he wrote for a profession —literary criticism; fiction; poems; books and articles on anthropology, mythology, history, and travel ... he is best recognized for the works he did not write."

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