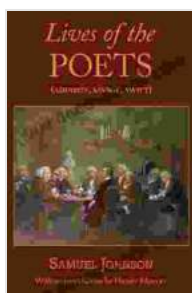


# The Lives of the Poets

The Lives of the Poets is an anthology of biographies of some of the most famous poets in the English language. The book was first published in 1779 and has been revised and updated several times since then. The most recent edition, published in 2004, contains biographies of 140 poets, from Geoffrey Chaucer to Sylvia Plath.



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The Lives of the Poets was compiled by Samuel Johnson, one of the most famous literary figures of the 18th century. Johnson was a poet, essayist, biographer, and lexicographer. He is best known for his Dictionary of the English Language, which was published in 1755. Johnson's Lives of the Poets is a valuable resource for anyone interested in English literature. The biographies are well-written and informative, and they provide a fascinating glimpse into the lives and work of some of the greatest poets in the English language.

## Geoffrey Chaucer



Geoffrey Chaucer was born in London in 1343. He was the son of a wealthy merchant, and he received a good education. Chaucer began writing poetry in his early twenties, and he quickly became one of the most popular poets in England. Chaucer's most famous work is *The Canterbury Tales*, a collection of 24 stories told by a group of pilgrims traveling to

Canterbury Cathedral. Chaucer's other works include The Book of the Duchess, The House of Fame, and Troilus and Criseyde.

## **William Shakespeare**



William Shakespeare was born in Stratford-upon-Avon in 1564. He was the son of a glove-maker, and he received a grammar school education. Shakespeare began writing poetry and plays in his early twenties, and he

quickly became one of the most successful playwrights in England. Shakespeare's plays are known for their complex characters, their beautiful language, and their timeless themes. Shakespeare's most famous plays include Hamlet, Macbeth, Romeo and Juliet, and King Lear.

## **John Milton**



John Milton was born in London in 1608. He was the son of a scrivener, and he received a good education. Milton began writing poetry in his early twenties, and he quickly became one of the most famous poets in England. Milton's most famous work is *Paradise Lost*, an epic poem about the fall of man. Milton's other works include *Paradise Regained*, *Samson Agonistes*, and *Areopagitica*.

## **Alexander Pope**



Alexander Pope was born in London in 1688. He was the son of a linen-draper, and he received a good education. Pope began writing poetry in his early twenties, and he quickly became one of the most famous poets in England. Pope's most famous work is *The Rape of the Lock*, a mock-heroic poem about a stolen lock of hair. Pope's other works include *The Dunciad*, *An Essay on Criticism*, and *An Essay on Man*.

## **William Wordsworth**



William Wordsworth was born in Cockermouth, Cumberland, in 1770. He was the son of an attorney, and he received a good education. Wordsworth began writing poetry in his early twenties, and he quickly became one of the most famous poets in England. Wordsworth's most famous work is *Lyrical Ballads*, a collection of poems written in collaboration with Samuel

Taylor Coleridge. Wordsworth's other works include The Prelude, The Excursion, and Ode: Intimations of Immortality.

## **Samuel Taylor Coleridge**



Samuel Taylor Coleridge was born in Ottery St. Mary, Devon, in 1772. He was the son of a clergyman, and he received a good education. Coleridge began writing poetry in his early twenties, and he quickly became one of

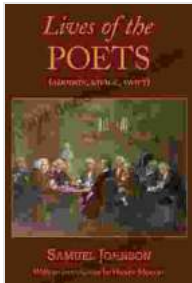


the most famous poets in England. Coleridge's most famous work is *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner*, a ballad about a sailor who is cursed after killing an albatross. Coleridge's other works include *Kubla Khan*, *Christabel*, and *The Pains of Sleep*.

## **Percy Bysshe Shelley**



Percy Bysshe Shelley was born in Field Place, Sussex, in 1792. He was the son of a wealthy baronet, and he received a good education. Shelley began writing poetry in his early



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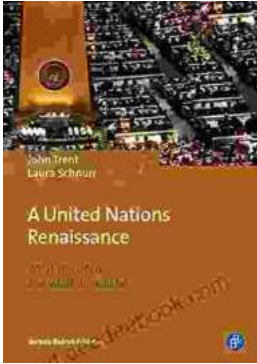
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