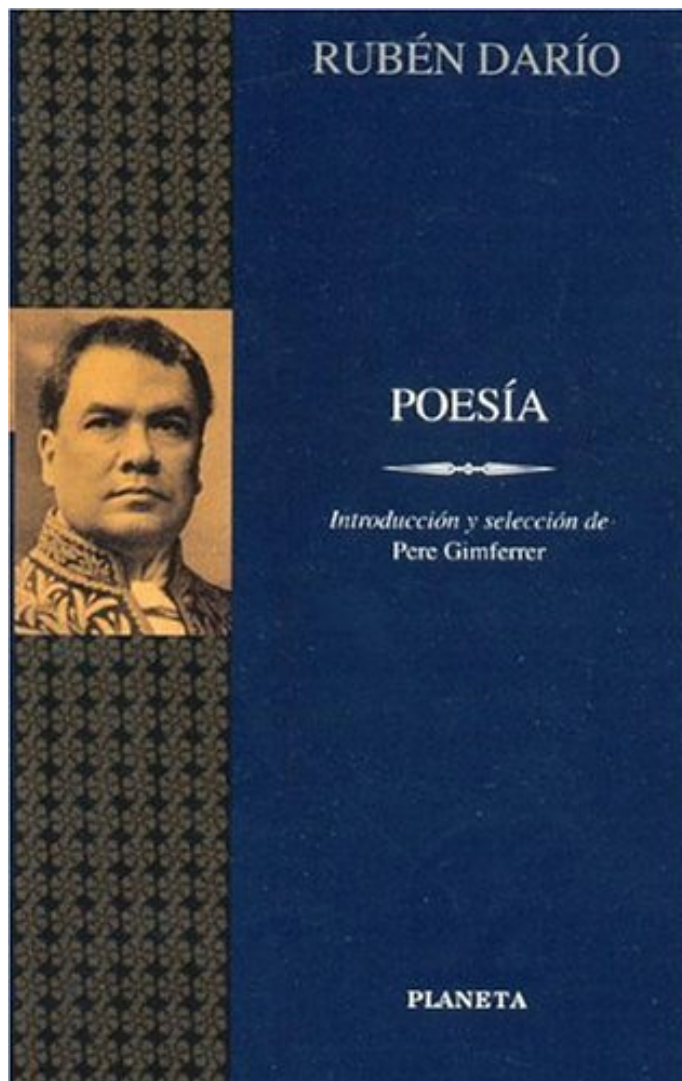

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Description

Here are tales told by members from all parts of English society of the 14th century, reflecting on life as they travel the road from Southwark to Canterbury.

Insightful reviews

Robyn Blaber: I don't think I've ever felt more humbled while reading a book. Of course I had read some of these tales as a schoolboy, but really hadn't the education to understand what I was reading. Chaucer's characters are so varied in style and spirit, yet with great ease manage to drop references from Solomon to Ovid, Catullus to Cato, Boethius to Dante and sometimes all within a single paragraph.

How can it be that some fellow from the Dark Ages could be better read than my modern self? How is it possible, without the printing press (not to mention Kindle, Google and the Internets), that Chaucer was able to recall a dozen different supporting quotations from writers and philosophers from through the ages in defense of nearly any argument his characters might make?

There are few writers that create simultaneously high-brow and low-brow humour and Chaucer masters this cause from cover to cover. To call this work a masterpiece is an understatement. It is the masterpiece of English literature. It is the one book that I would give 6 stars or more if only there were more to give.

Manny: A classic that has worn well... the psychology, in particular with regard to women, seems remarkably modern! It's funny, and not just in one style either. Sometimes he's subverting the popular cliches of the day, sometimes he's slyly campaigning for women's rights, and sometimes he's just having fun telling dirty jokes. I'm having trouble deciding which style I like most - they're all good, and often mixed up together too.

I once spent a pleasant bus trip sitting next to a grad student who was doing a dissertation on Chaucer. I asked her why it seemed in some ways so much more sophisticated than Shakespeare. Apparently the difference is that Shakespeare had to be suitable for the masses, but Chaucer was aimed pretty exclusively at court people, who could be given stronger stuff without having their morals corrupted. Or whatever double standard was being employed. It all sounded quite interesting.

I read it in the original Middle English... speaking Swedish and French, I found it reasonably easy to understand, most of the words were similar to something I knew. It's really lovely language.

To my considerable surprise, I have just learned that the good Geoffrey is still with us! He is very well-preserved considering his advanced age, and has even started [a blog](#). Under "Favorite posts", I particularly recommend "Lynes of Pick-Up", "She's yonge, sexie & rich:

interviewe wyth Parys" and "The Cipher of Leonardo".

Stalker Week update: read The Merchant's Tale! Or if you can't be bothered, at least answer [my Quiz question about it](#).

Madeline: Not bad, I spose. But I should have read the modern translation instead of trying to struggle through the Middle English version, which is just close enough to modern English to be readable, but far enough away to require footnotes *every five words* just to help the reader figure out what the hell they just read. After twenty pages or so, this got very, very old.

Read for: Early British Literature

Michael: The Canterbury stories is a set of over 20 tales which have been written close to the top of the Fourteenth Century, simply ahead of 1400. whereas this is often called an important in medieval fiction, it really is attainable to slim it down a bit additional and say this can be a glimpse of lifestyles through the time of the Hundred Years' War. the gathering of stories is helping get a divorce this e-book a piece however it additionally encompasses a free narrative framework during the whole The Canterbury Tales. i'll move into deep research of every story with no doing a disservice to the standard and variety of Geoffrey Chaucer's huge work. in spite of the fact that which will speak about The Canterbury stories in its entirety, i could need to lodge to large research and generalities. The Fourteenth Century used to be a violent and risky time period in English history; not just was once the Hundred Years conflict raging with the French (1340-1450) yet there has been the Black loss of life (1348), famines and rebellions (the Peasant's insurrection of 1381). This was once an risky time, issues have been changing; even the Catholic Church which frequently had a community-building nature was once corrupt and abusing its power. close to the top of the 14th Century the Church used to be a mess, there has been the sale of church workplaces in addition to indulgences and pardons in addition to greed and ethical corruption. The Western Schism (or Papal Schism) came about from 1378 to 1418 the place the Church used to be divided and several other males concurrently claimed to be the real pope. this could provide you with an idea of simply what sort of instability the folks within the Canterbury stories faced. However this publication explored greater than this instability; it's a medieval tapestry exploring the full consider of this era however it will be more uncomplicated to slim it right down to 3 significant themes. The political, because the Norman conquest of britain (1066) the rustic used to be steadily processing towards political consolidation and unification, a topic that comes via a couple of instances inside this book. Social and fiscal changes, following the tale of many of us round England as urbanisation takes have an effect on and London turns into a extra glossy city. eventually The Canterbury stories explores the cultural adjustments of a altering time; social sessions are transferring yet nonetheless play an enormous function inside this country. I be aware of i'm most likely this publication via glossy eyes yet this is often the way in which i discovered to wrap my head round what's written. fortunately I didn't need to learn this booklet in center English and received to depend upon Nevill Coghill's translation yet i'm really not going to disclaim that this used to be a really tough ebook to get through. i discovered attempting to comprehend the placement as though England replaced from medieval right into a glossy society helped me decide up at the social, low in cost and political changes. i do know London didn't turn into an city urban like we all know it this day however it helped me stick to

the transferring times. I'm really not definite if viewing the booklet this manner helped me comprehend it larger or despatched me down the incorrect direction however it doesn't matter, is there a wrong or right technique to interpret literature? Symbolism, imagery and allegory play an immense part in Chaucer's stories however it is difficult to enter information in this subject simply because they alter from tale to story. What I discovered outstanding approximately this e-book isn't the attractive poetic traces yet how actual and uncooked the sentiments performed out in every one tale. I learn an exploration into marriage, turning out to be old, morality, rape, sexual excitement or even anti-social behaviour. I by no means anticipated this from the booklet and it relatively shocked me. From a normal review The Canterbury stories appears to be like at an altering time yet every one story is going right into a own check out varied people's lives. As the narrator, Geoffrey Chaucer performs with the narrative from story to tale; occasionally he comes off as naïve yet then he might be very knowledgeable. I picked up on how heavy he's at the irony, yet in all honesty I didn't have adequate wisdom of the days that allows you to discover this up to I might have liked. If it wasn't for the truth that I learn this for a college topic I'd have quite struggled with this book. A lecture and a few examining publications particularly helped me get whatever out of this publication yet like I said, I don't have sufficient wisdom of medieval historical past to totally take hold of this publication in its entirety. I pointed out to my dad that I needed to learn this ebook and he informed me to not bother; he known as it crude and vulgar yet that purely made me excited. I comprehend now that he needed to learn this e-book for top institution and located it tough yet I can't say vulgar is an efficient note to explain this book. Sure, there are a few crude scenes yet lifestyles is rarely jam-packed with well-mannered ethical people. Chaucer explores lifestyles at the moment and doesn't shrink back from the harsh topics; yet I believe that's what makes this publication so great. This evaluation initially seemed on my blog: [http://literary-exploration.com/2014/...](http://literary-exploration.com/2014/)

Judy: I must come again to this half-read booklet - do not know why have not I ended it, as it truly is rather entertaining.... Update Jan 2011: Finished! there is little that I will upload to the appreciative reports of this fascinating work, except looking at that you just don't want to understand something in regards to the historic context (late 14th-century England) to benefit from the collection. An individual who loves tales and the entire thought of storytelling gets a buzz from the stories - they're packaged in the framework of a story-telling contest between a various team of pilgrims at the highway to Canterbury, and there is rather a lot of (cheeky) awareness to those narrators. Vigorous exchanges/responses of the pilgrims among the tales (and narratorial intrusions in the course of them) carry their characters off the page, and since they characterize many alternative walks of lifestyles and diverse social classes, there is a lot of voices to hear, every one with its personal pre-occupations and (fairly) becoming stylistic level, giving the full a really multi-layered, and infrequently humorous, effect. To these higher accustomed to modern history, or with literary affects on Chaucer, the stories might most likely inform greatly more, yet to very uninformed me they nonetheless resonated and provided attention-grabbing and informative glimpses into Chaucer's times, from attitudes to numerous points of lifestyles (the Church, the chivalric code, love, foreigners) to element approximately every-day existence and work. I learn Coghill's (highly-regarded) translation, and although I am in no place to make decisions (not having checked out the unique in center English) I will be able to say it reads brilliantly and vividly, and keeps rhythm and rhyme (many of Chaucer's stories have been composed in metre) which propels the tales on a pace. No gradual tempos here! hugely steered to all tale lovers!

Katie: I learn this in heart English, so it used to be super challenging, yet definitely worth the additional effort. The "Canturbury Tales" are a set of stories, all yet of which, have been written in verse. within the framing story, 24 pilgrims are on their method from Southwark to Canturbury to go to the Saint Thomas Becket shrine at Canturbury Cathedral. once they cease alongside the way, they entertain the crowd with tales, a few serious, a few hilarious, a few racy, a few satirical, and a few laced with non secular themes. the main recognized of those is "The Knight's Tale," during which friends, either knights, fall in love with an identical woman. The funniest and bawdiest tale is "The Miller's Tale," which include extramarital sex, ass (ers) kissing, and farting! i would hugely suggest a minimum of trying to learn the booklet in its unique language, because the verses are exceptionally attractive and well-written. There are numerous types that come with both glossaries or interlinear translation that is essential to absolutely comprehend the that means of the text, yet a strictly smooth model will omit a lot of what makes Chaucer amazing.

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