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Scott was the first English-language author to have a truly international career in his lifetime. As adventures, Ivanhoe, and Rob Roy are very well-known, and both were made into films. Waverley is important because it is the first historical novel. It was, for most readers, their first encounter with Highland culture. Scott wove together history and fiction. What he started with Waverley, he continued with his other novels. Though many of his works are little read now, they sold well in their day, and paid for his great house, Abbotsford. Of his poetry The Lady of the Lake is best liked. Scott was also an advocate, judge and legal administrator by profession. Throughout his career he combined his writing and editing work with his daily occupation as Clerk of Session and Sheriff-Depute of Selkirkshire. A prominent member of the Tory establishment in Edinburgh, Scott was an active member of the Highland Society and served a long term as President of the Royal Society of Edinburgh. Education and early life Scott was educated at Edinburgh High and the University of Edinburgh, graduating in 1789. In 1790 he married Charlotte Charpentier and in 1791 was appointed deputy Sheriff of Selkirkshire. He now began to write books in earnest. In 1796 he was made a baronet. His house is now a public museum visited by many tourists each year. Financial problems and death In 1806, a banking crisis swept through the cities of London and Edinburgh. The Ballantyne printing business, in which he was heavily invested, crashed. He placed his house and income in a trust belonging to his creditors, and set out to write his way out of debt. He kept up his huge output of fiction, as well as producing a biography of Napoleon Bonaparte. By 1810 his health was failing. Still, he did a grand tour of Europe, where he was welcomed wherever he went. Though he died owing money, his novels continued to sell well. The debts of his estate were eventually discharged. Lucie is wearing a full plaid. All content from Kiddle encyclopedia articles including the article images and facts can be freely used under Attribution-ShareAlike license, unless stated otherwise.

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Sir Walter Scott was a prolific Scottish historical novelist and poet. James Reed is the author of Walter Scott: Landscape and Locality, and The Border Ballads.

Full Biography Sir Walter Scott is best known nowadays as the author of The Waverley Novels, but his first love and earliest success was as a poet. Indeed, it is no understatement to say that he was the best-read, best-reviewed and best-paid poet of the Romantic period: Byron himself placed Scott at the summit of his contemporary Parnassus. In the Borders he first became acquainted with the traditional ballads that would form the core of his first major work, the anthology *The Minstrelsy of the Scottish Border*, subsequently revised and expanded. As a child, in the same place, he was introduced to Robert Burns. Scott married Charlotte Charpentier in after a whirlwind romance, and after his first love, Williamina Belsches, married a banker, Sir John Forbes. At the same time he began his first attempts at poetry: With the assistance of John Leyden, William Laidlaw and James Hogg, Scott produced the *Minstrelsy*, expanding it with modern day imitations as well as preserving many now-well-known ballads. He followed *Marmion* with *The Lady of the Lake*, which smoothed out both the moral ambiguities and the elastic verse forms of the previous narrative poems. Although no other poetic works reached the fame of his first four publications, Scott continued with verse, writing *The Vision of Don Roderick* in , the profits from which went to veterans of the Peninsular Campaign, and in which he attempted to use the Spenserian stanza with moderate success. *Rokeby* followed in , abandoning Scottish settings and attempting a more novelistic form of narrative. In he also published, anonymously, *The Bridal of Triermain*, which purported to be an imitation of Scott. Scott was offered the poet laureateship in on the death of Henry Pye: He suggested instead Robert Southey, who took the position. The debt was repaid shortly after his death, in , by the sales of his *Complete Works*. Scott was one of the most genial and engaging personalities of his age, and was a fundamentally paradoxical individual. In his lifetime, the only comparison critics could make was to Shakespeare, and they saw in Scott a Shakespearean capacity to animate a broad canvas that included kings and knaves, to disregard neoclassical rules in favour of emotional impact, and the promotion of a genre-defying form that encompassed tragedy, comedy, irony, chivalry, realism and melodrama. To his contemporaries, even when they were criticising him, it was evident that this was a very modern and new form of poetry. His work was full of specific place names: His poetry was swift, dangerous, uneven, sometimes ragged, suffused with a sense of the gothic and yet rooted in Augustan cadences. Perhaps the most surprising aspect is how little he regarded it himself. While on holiday in Shetland he wrote:

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*This selection, which includes early love poems, songs from the novels, landscape poems from *The Lay of the Last Minstrel* and *The Lady of the Lake*, and the complete narrative poems "William and Helen" and "Marmion," reveals Sir Walter Scott as a poet speaking for a people.*

Walter Scott was born on 15 August. In January he returned to Edinburgh, and that summer went with his aunt Jenny to take spa treatment at Bath in England, where they lived at 6 South Parade. He was now well able to walk and explore the city and the surrounding countryside. His reading included chivalric romances, poems, history and travel books. He was given private tuition by James Mitchell in arithmetic and writing, and learned from him the history of the Church of Scotland with emphasis on the Covenanters. After finishing school he was sent to stay for six months with his aunt Jenny in Kelso, attending the local grammar school where he met James and John Ballantyne, who later became his business partners and printed his books. While at the university Scott had become a friend of Adam Ferguson, the son of Professor Adam Ferguson who hosted literary salons. During the winter of 1787 the year-old Scott saw Robert Burns at one of these salons, for what was to be their only meeting. When Burns noticed a print illustrating the poem "The Justice of the Peace" and asked who had written the poem, only Scott knew that it was by John Langhorne, and was thanked by Burns. Scott describes this event in his memoirs where he whispers the answer to his friend Adam who tells Burns [12] Another version of the event is described in *Literary Beginnings* [13] When it was decided that he would become a lawyer, he returned to the university to study law, first taking classes in moral philosophy and universal history in 1788. He was admitted to the Faculty of Advocates in 1790. He was an obsessive collector of stories, and developed an innovative method of recording what he heard at the feet of local story-tellers using carvings on twigs, to avoid the disapproval of those who believed that such stories were neither for writing down nor for printing. He then published an idiosyncratic three-volume set of collected ballads of his adopted home region, *The Minstrelsy of the Scottish Border*. This was the first sign from a literary standpoint of his interest in Scottish history. As a result of his early polio infection, Scott had a pronounced limp. He was described in as tall, well formed except for one ankle and foot which made him walk lamely, neither fat nor thin, with forehead very high, nose short, upper lip long and face rather fleshy, complexion fresh and clear, eyes very blue, shrewd and penetrating, with hair now silvery white. Unable to consider a military career, Scott enlisted as a volunteer in the 1st Lothian and Border yeomanry. After their third son was born in 1792, they moved to a spacious three-storey house built for Scott at 39 North Castle Street. From Scott had spent the summers in a cottage at Lasswade, where he entertained guests including literary figures, and it was there that his career as an author began. There were nominal residency requirements for his position of Sheriff-Depute, and at first he stayed at a local inn during the circuit. In 1793 he ended his use of the Lasswade cottage and leased the substantial house of Ashiestiel, 6 miles 9. It was sited on the south bank of the River Tweed, and the building incorporated an old tower house. John", and his poetry then began to bring him to public attention. In 1795, *The Lay of the Last Minstrel* captured wide public imagination, and his career as a writer was established in spectacular fashion. The way was long, the wind was cold, The Minstrel was infirm and old. The Lay of the Last Minstrel first lines He published many other poems over the next ten years, including the popular *The Lady of the Lake*, printed in 1799 and set in the Trossachs. Portions of the German translation of this work were set to music by Franz Schubert. *Marmion*, published in 1808, produced lines that have become proverbial. No wonder why I felt rebuked beneath his eye. He became a partner in their business. As a political conservative, [22] Scott helped to found the *Tory Quarterly Review*, a review journal to which he made several anonymous contributions. Scott was also a contributor to the *Edinburgh Review*, which espoused Whig views. Scott was ordained as an elder in the Presbyterian Church of Duddington and sat in the General Assembly for a time as representative elder of the burgh of Selkirk. The farm had the nickname of "Clarty Hole" Scots for "muddy hole", and when Scott built a family cottage there in 1801 he named it "Abbotsford". He continued to expand the

estate, and built Abbotsford House in a series of extensions. He declined, due to concerns that "such an appointment would be a poisoned chalice", as the Laureateship had fallen into disrepute, due to the decline in quality of work suffered by previous title holders, "as a succession of poetasters had churned out conventional and obsequious odes on royal occasions. In an innovative and astute action, he wrote and published his first novel, *Waverley*, anonymously in 1814. It was a tale of the Jacobite rising of 1745. The youthful Waverley obtains a commission in the Whig army and is posted in Dundee. Through Flora, Waverley meets Bonnie Prince Charlie, and under her influence goes over to the Jacobite side and takes part in the Battle of Prestonpans. He escapes retribution, however, after saving the life of a Whig colonel during the battle. Waverley whose surname reflects his divided loyalties eventually decides to lead a peaceful life of establishment respectability under the House of Hanover rather than live as a proscribed rebel. There followed a succession of novels over the next five years, each with a Scottish historical setting. Mindful of his reputation as a poet, Scott maintained the anonymity he had begun with *Waverley*, publishing the novels under the name "Author of *Waverley*" or as "Tales of *Waverley*". During this time Scott became known by the nickname "The Wizard of the North". In 1816 he was given the honour of dining with George, Prince Regent, who wanted to meet the "Author of *Waverley*". *Lucie Ashton* is wearing a full plaid. Among the best known is *The Bride of Lammermoor*, a fictionalized version of an actual incident in the history of the Dalrymple family that took place in the Lammermuir Hills in 1702. In the novel, Lucie Ashton and the nobly born but now dispossessed and impoverished Edgar Ravenswood exchange vows. Lucie falls into a depression and on their wedding night stabs the bridegroom, succumbs to insanity, and dies. *Tales of my Landlord* includes the now highly regarded novel *Old Mortality*, set in 1689 against the backdrop of the ferocious anti-Covenanting campaign of the Tory Graham of Claverhouse, subsequently made Viscount Dundee called "Bluidy Clavers" by his opponents but later dubbed "Bonnie Dundee" by Scott. The Covenanters were Presbyterians who had supported the Restoration of Charles II on promises of a Presbyterian settlement, but he had instead reintroduced Episcopalian church government with draconian penalties for Presbyterian worship. This led to the destitution of around 1,000 ministers who had refused to take an oath of allegiance and submit themselves to bishops, and who continued to conduct worship among a remnant of their flock in caves and other remote country spots. The relentless persecution of these conventicles and attempts to break them up by military force had led to open revolt. The story is told from the point of view of Henry Morton, a moderate Presbyterian, who is unwittingly drawn into the conflict and barely escapes summary execution. In writing *Old Mortality* Scott drew upon the knowledge he had acquired from his researches into ballads on the subject for *The Minstrelsy of the Scottish Border*. *Ivanhoe* depicts the cruel tyranny of the Norman overlords Norman Yoke over the impoverished Saxon populace of England, with two of the main characters, Rowena and Locksley Robin Hood, representing the dispossessed Saxon aristocracy. When the protagonists are captured and imprisoned by a Norman baron, Scott interrupts the story to exclaim: It is grievous to think that those valiant barons, to whose stand against the crown the liberties of England were indebted for their existence, should themselves have been such dreadful oppressors, and capable of excesses contrary not only to the laws of England, but to those of nature and humanity. Scott puts a derisive prophecy in the mouth of the jester Wamba: Norman saw on English oak. Likewise, her father, Isaac of York, a Jewish moneylender, is shown as a victim rather than a villain. During the years of the Protectorate under Cromwell the Crown Jewels had been hidden away, but had subsequently been used to crown Charles II. They were not used to crown subsequent monarchs, but were regularly taken to sittings of Parliament, to represent the absent monarch, until the Act of Union. Thereafter, the honours were stored in Edinburgh Castle, but the large locked box in which they were stored was not opened for more than 200 years, and stories circulated that they had been "lost" or removed. On 4th February [1818], Scott and a small team of military men opened the box, and "unearthed" the honours from the Crown Room of Edinburgh Castle. He used the event to contribute to the drawing of a line under an old world that pitched his homeland into regular bouts of bloody strife. He, along with his "production team", mounted what in modern days could be termed a PR event, in which the King was dressed in tartan, and was greeted by his people, many of whom were also dressed in similar tartan.

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ceremonial dress. This form of dress, proscribed after the rebellion against the English, became one of the seminal, potent and ubiquitous symbols of Scottish identity. He included little in the way of punctuation in his drafts, leaving such details to the printers to supply. He kept up his prodigious output of fiction, as well as producing a biography of Napoleon Bonaparte, until by then his health was failing, but he nevertheless undertook a grand tour of Europe, and was welcomed and celebrated wherever he went. He returned to Scotland and, in September, during the epidemic in Scotland that year, died of typhus [36] at Abbotsford, the home he had designed and had built, near Melrose in the Scottish Borders. His wife, Lady Scott, had died in and was buried as an Episcopalian. Two Presbyterian ministers and one Episcopalian officiated at his funeral. Many have suggested this demonstrates both his nationalistic and unionistic tendencies. However, he received an Episcopal funeral at his own insistence.

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