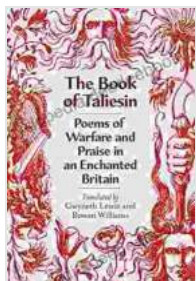


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The history of British poetry is a long and storied one, stretching back to the earliest bards who sang of the deeds of heroes and the beauty of the natural world. Over the centuries, British poetry has been shaped by the country's history and culture, and it has reflected the full range of human experience, from the horrors of war to the joys of love.

The Earliest British Poetry

The earliest known British poetry was written in the Old English language, and it dates back to the 7th century AD. These poems were often recited by bards, who were professional entertainers who traveled from town to town. The bards' repertoire included epic poems, love songs, and satires. Some

of the most famous Old English poems include the epic *Beowulf*, the love song "The Seafarer," and the satire "The Wanderer."



The Middle Ages

The Middle Ages saw a flourishing of British poetry, with the emergence of new genres such as the romance and the ballad. Romances were long, narrative poems that often told of the adventures of knights and ladies.

Ballads were shorter, simpler poems that were often sung or recited. Some of the most famous Middle English poems include the romance *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight* and the ballad "The Wife of Bath's Tale."



Sir Gawain, the hero of the romance poem of the same name, fights the Green Knight.

The Renaissance

The Renaissance was a time of great cultural change in Britain, and it had a significant impact on the country's poetry. Renaissance poets were influenced by the rediscovery of classical literature, and they adopted many of the forms and styles of the ancient Greeks and Romans. Some of the most famous Renaissance poets include William Shakespeare, John Milton, and Edmund Spenser.



The Romantic Era

The Romantic era was a period of great creativity in British poetry, and it saw the emergence of some of the country's most famous poets, including William Wordsworth, Samuel Taylor Coleridge, and Percy Bysshe Shelley. Romantic poets were inspired by the natural world, and they often wrote about the emotions and experiences of the individual. Some of the most famous Romantic poems include Wordsworth's "Ode to a Nightingale," Coleridge's "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner," and Shelley's "Ozymandias."



William Wordsworth, one of the greatest Romantic poets.

The Victorian Era

The Victorian era was a time of great social and economic change in Britain, and it had a significant impact on the country's poetry. Victorian poets were often concerned with the social and political issues of the day, and they often wrote about the lives of the poor and working class. Some of the most famous Victorian poets include Alfred, Lord Tennyson, Robert Browning, and Elizabeth Barrett Browning.



The 20th Century

The 20th century saw a wide range of poetic styles and movements in Britain. Some of the most famous 20th-century poets include W.H. Auden, T.S. Eliot, and Seamus Heaney. These poets wrote about a wide range of subjects, from the horrors of war to the joys of love. Some of the most

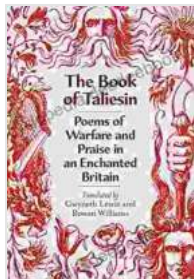
famous 20th-century poems include Auden's "The Shield of Achilles," Eliot's "The Waste Land," and Heaney's "Digging."



T.S. Eliot, one of the greatest 20th-century poets.

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and they have done so in a variety of styles and forms. British poetry is a rich and diverse tradition, and it is one of the country's greatest cultural treasures.



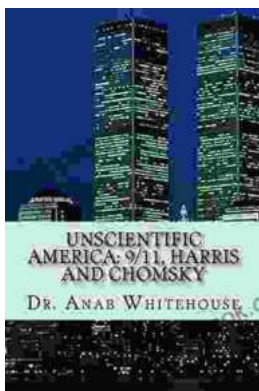
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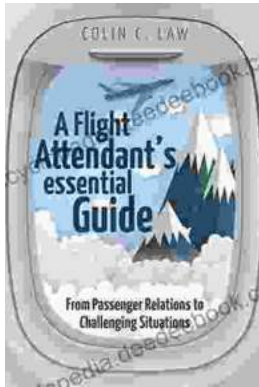
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