

CANTERBURY A CITY OF LITERATURE



Canterbury is known worldwide for its cathedral and as the destination of Chaucer's pilgrims.

The **Canterbury Tales**, the most important work of late medieval English literature, draws on continental storytelling traditions while establishing English as a major literary language.

The city is the birthplace of **Christopher Marlowe**, a dramatist of equal standing with **Shakespeare**, and **Aphra Behn**, the first professional female author.

Dickens was a frequent visitor while modernist authors also made Canterbury their home.

Virginia Woolf praised the city's beauty, **TS Eliot** wrote *Murder in the Cathedral* here and **Joseph Conrad** lived nearby and is buried in the city.

More recently, Nobel laureates **Kazuo Ishiguro** and **Abdulrazak Gurnah** have studied and worked in Canterbury, where its schools and universities continue to foster new literary talent.

