

Idylls Of The King: A Journey into the Arthurian Legend through the Verse of Alfred Tennyson

The Idylls of the King is a series of twelve narrative poems written by Alfred, Lord Tennyson, published between 1859 and 1885. The poems are based on the Arthurian legends, and they tell the story of King Arthur, his knights, and his court. The Idylls of the King is one of the most popular and enduring works of Victorian literature, and it has been adapted into numerous films, operas, and other works of art.



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The Arthurian Legend

The Arthurian legend is a body of stories that has been told for centuries. The stories are set in Britain during the Middle Ages, and they tell the tale of King Arthur, a legendary king who ruled Britain in the 6th century. Arthur

is a noble and just king, and he is surrounded by a group of brave and loyal knights. Together, they defend Britain from its enemies and uphold the ideals of chivalry.

Tennyson's Idylls of the King

Tennyson's Idylls of the King is a retelling of the Arthurian legend. However, Tennyson's version of the story is more focused on the characters and their relationships than on the plot. Tennyson's poems explore the themes of love, honor, and betrayal. He also uses the Arthurian legend to comment on the social and political issues of his own time.

The Poems

The Idylls of the King is made up of twelve poems. The poems are:

- The Coming of Arthur
- Gareth and Lynette
- The Marriage of Geraint
- Geraint and Enid
- Balin and Balan
- Merlin and Vivien
- Lancelot and Elaine
- The Holy Grail
- Pelleas and Ettarre
- The Last Tournament

- Guinevere
- The Passing of Arthur

Each poem tells a different story, and together they form a complete narrative of Arthur's reign. The poems are written in a variety of styles, from the epic to the lyrical. Tennyson uses a rich and evocative language, and his poems are full of beautiful imagery and symbolism.

The Characters

The characters in the Idylls of the King are some of the most memorable in literature. Arthur is a noble and just king, but he is also flawed. He is too trusting of his knights, and he is unable to see the evil that is growing in his court. Lancelot is the greatest knight in the world, but he is also deeply flawed. He is in love with Arthur's wife, Guinevere, and his love for her leads to his downfall. Guinevere is a beautiful and tragic figure. She is torn between her love for Arthur and her love for Lancelot. Her choices lead to the destruction of Arthur's kingdom.

The Themes

The Idylls of the King explores a number of important themes, including love, honor, and betrayal. Tennyson shows how love can be both a source of great happiness and great pain. He also shows how honor can be a powerful force for good, but it can also be used to justify violence and injustice. Betrayal is a recurring theme in the Idylls of the King. Tennyson shows how betrayal can destroy individuals and nations.

The Idylls of the King is a timeless work of literature that continues to resonate with readers today. Tennyson's poems are beautifully written, and

his characters are unforgettable. The Idylls of the King is a must-read for anyone who loves great literature.



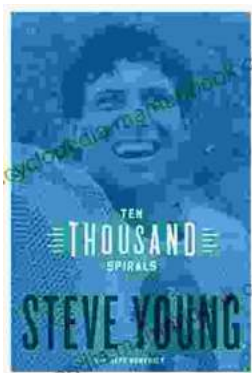
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