

The Canterbury Tales

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- *The Canterbury tales* were written by Geoffrey Chaucer. It is a collection of 24 stories that runs to over 17,000 lines written in Middle English.

- Geoffrey Chaucer wrote *The Canterbury Tales* between 1387 and 1400. It is the story of a group of thirty people who travel as pilgrims to Canterbury (England). The pilgrims, who come from all layers of society, tell stories to each other to kill time while travelling to Canterbury.

If we trust the General Prologue, Chaucer wanted each pilgrim to tell two tales on the way to Canterbury and two tales on the way back. He never finished his enormous project. Scholars are uncertain about the order of the tales.



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