

# BRITISH WRITERS



# DANIEL DEFOE



Daniel Defoe born Daniel Foe, was an English writer, journalist, now most famous for his novel Robinson Crusoe. He wrote more than 500 books, pamphlets.

Daniel Foe was probably born in London (between 1659 to 1661). His father, James Foe, a member of the Butchers' Company, was a prosperous tallow chandler. By the time he was about 10, Defoe's mother Annie had died.

Defoe entered the world of business as a general merchant. He married and produced eight children, six of whom survived.

He died in 1731 in London.

# Jonathan Swift

Jonathan Swift was born in 1667 in Dublin in Ireland - the Anglo-Irish writer-satirist, philosopher, poet and public figure.

Best known as the author of the famous fantastic tetralogy «Gulliver's Travels», which wittily ridiculed human and social vices. Lived in Dublin, where he served as Dean of the Cathedral of Saint Patrick. Died in 1745 in Dublin



# Lewis Carroll



Lewis Carroll was the pen-name of Charles Lewis Dodgson. Charles L. Dodgson was born in England in 1832. He got his early education at a public school. Then he became a student at Oxford. Charles studied mathematics and later taught this subject in the same college. Charles' friend had a daughter Alice. When Alice was about ten years old, she asked Charles to write down the stories for her, and he did so. He called the heroine of his book also Alice. Charles published the book, but he did not want to do it under his own name. So he took the pen-name of Lewis Carroll. The book came out in 1865, it was "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" and all the people who read it liked it very much.



# Robert Louis Stevenson

Robert Louis Stevenson was born in 1850 in Edinburgh, Scotland. The boy was often ill and during the cold winters stayed in the house. He had no brothers or sisters. Books were his only friends. Robert read very much. The boy wrote stories of adventures and told those stories to his parents.

At school he began to write stories and poems and wanted to be a writer. Stevenson travelled in different countries and wrote many stories. In 1883 Stevenson published his book "Treasure Island". Readers liked the book very much. Then other books of adventures came out. People in many countries read and still read Stevenson's stories. But the writer was very ill and he died in 1894.



# Arthur Conan Doyle



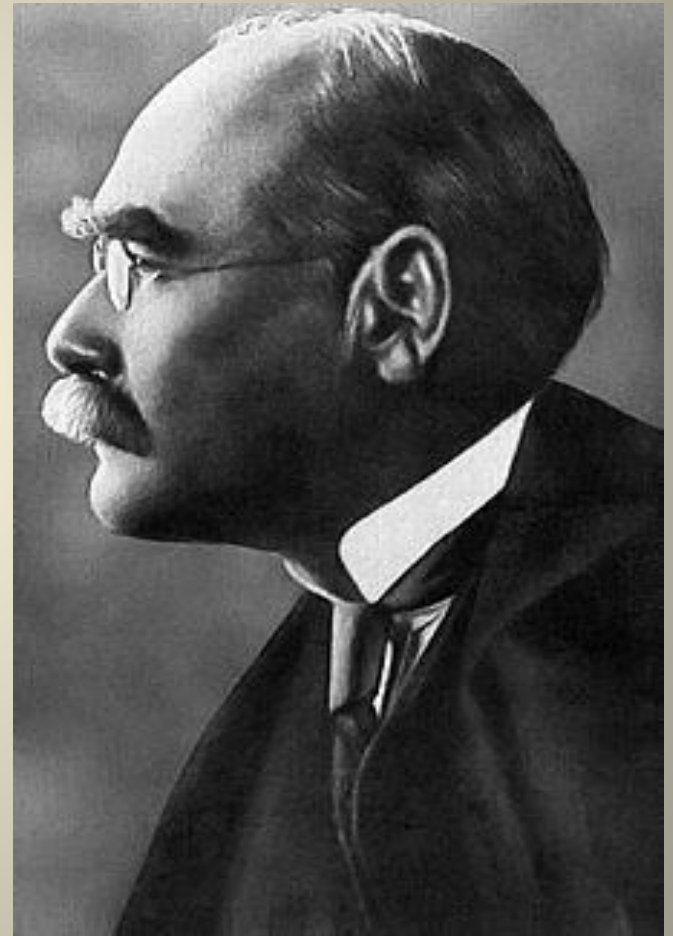
Arthur Conan Doyle was born in 1859. His father, Charles E. Doyle, was an artist and architect by profession. He died young and the DoYLES were very poor. Arthur's mother was a very good storyteller. Her talent of story telling was inherited by Arthur. He became a doctor by profession and had a medical practice in a small town.

In 1887 he published his first detective story about Sherlock Holmes. The readers asked for more and more stories about Sherlock Holmes and Conan Doyle gave up his medical work and devoted all his time to his literary activity. He liked sport: he skied, played golf, went in for boxing. He died in 1930.

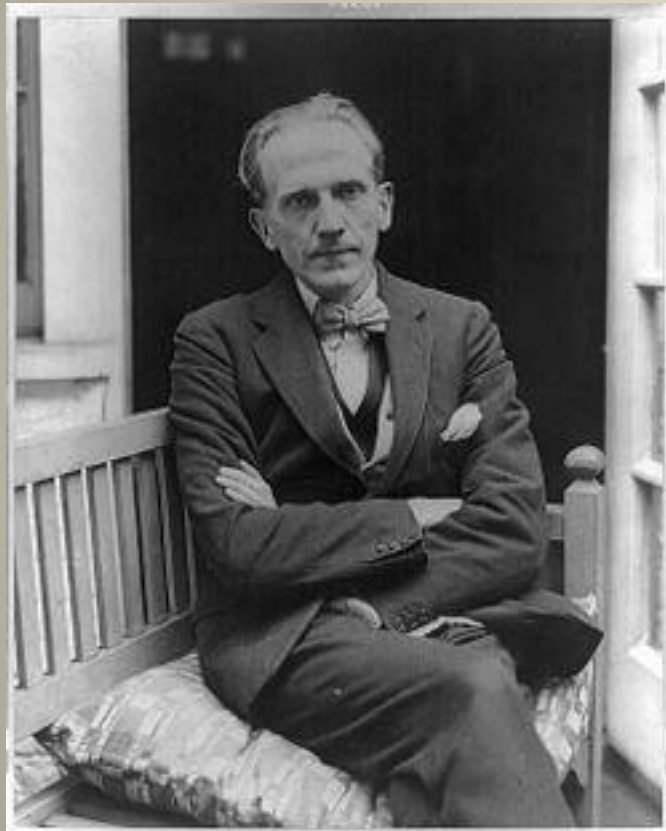
# *Joseph Rudyard Kipling*

Joseph Rudyard Kipling was born in 1865 Bombay and lived in India. In 1871 he continued his education in England. In 1882 he returned to India. With 17 years worked in the "Civil and military Gazette". Published short stories and essays, which brought him fame not only in India but across the British Empire.

During the First world war, which killed his only son, Kipling with his wife worked for the Red Cross. His best work is considered to be «The Jungle Book». In 1907 Kipling became the first Englishman to receive the Nobel prize for literature.



# ALAIN ALEXANDER MILNE



Alain Alexander Milne (1882-1956) English writer, the author of fairy tales for children and adults of "Winnie the Pooh" - bear with sawdust in his head. Milne from a young age composed funny poems, showed the ability to exact sciences and entered Trinity College in Cambridge at the mathematical department.

Soon he moved to London, where he began working in the newspaper. By the time Milne had to go to war, write a few amusing pieces.

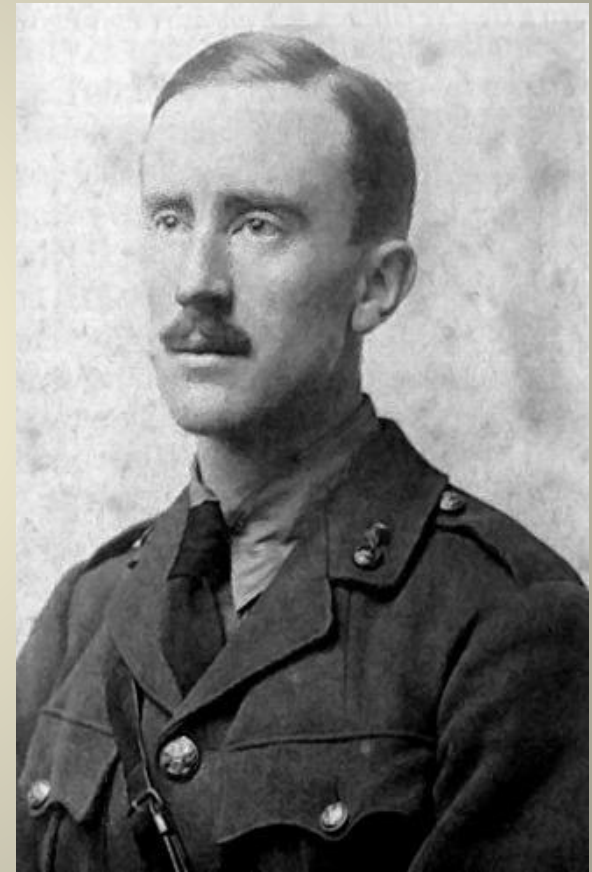
Write stories about "Winnie the Pooh" Milne started for his son Christopher Robin Milne (1920-1996).



# John Ronald Reuel Tolkien

A Professor of literature and the English language, famous for his novel “Lord of the Rings”. John Ronald Reuel Tolkien was born in a British family, in the South African city in 1892.

When he was three, his mother took him to England. At an early age he lost his father. In 1904, his mother died and the young John Ronald Reuel moved together with his brother Hilary in aunt's home in Birmingham in 1918. Later he joined the group of drafters of the New English dictionary. He died in 1973.



# Herbert George Wells

Herbert George Wells, the English writer, was born in 1866 in Bromley, London suburbs. His father was a merchant and professional kriketist, his mother was a housekeeper.

Herbert received his education in the classical school of Midhurst and at Kings College, at University of London. After that he studied at the trader Manufaktura, worked in a pharmacy, a teacher at school, a teacher of the exact Sciences and as an assistant of T.H.Geksly. Wells travelled a lot, three times visited Russia, where he met with Lenin and Stalin.

Herbert George wells died in London in 1946.



# *Joanne Rowling*



Joanne Kathleen Rowling was born in 1965. British novelist, best known as the author of a series of novels about Harry Potter. Books about Potter received several awards and were sold in the amount of more than 400 million copies. They became the best-selling series of books in the world and the basis for a series of films.

Rowling is actively engaged in charity. She has a lot of literature awards.

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- Расширение кругозора.

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