

# Ivanhoe: A Tale of the Saxon and Norman Times by Sir Walter Scott

Ivanhoe is a historical novel by Sir Walter Scott, first published in 1820. The story is set in England during the reign of Richard I and tells the tale of a young Saxon knight, Ivanhoe, who is disinherited by his father for his loyalty to King Richard. Ivanhoe must then fight to regain his inheritance and win the hand of his beloved, the Lady Rowena.



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## Characters

- **Ivanhoe:** A young Saxon knight who is disinherited by his father for his loyalty to King Richard. Ivanhoe is a brave and skilled warrior, but he is also kind and compassionate.

- **Lady Rowena:** The beautiful and wealthy daughter of Cedric the Saxon. Rowena is a kind and intelligent woman, but she is also proud and independent.
- **Cedric the Saxon:** Ivanhoe's father. Cedric is a wealthy and powerful Saxon nobleman who is fiercely loyal to King Richard. However, he is also prejudiced against the Normans.
- **Prince John:** The treacherous brother of King Richard. John is ambitious and ruthless, and he will stop at nothing to seize the throne.
- **Robin Hood:** A legendary outlaw who lives in Sherwood Forest. Robin Hood is a skilled archer and swordsman, and he is always willing to help those in need.

## Plot

Ivanhoe begins with the arrival of a mysterious knight at Cedric's castle. The knight is wounded and refuses to reveal his identity. However, Ivanhoe suspects that the knight is actually King Richard in disguise. Ivanhoe vows to protect the king and help him regain his throne.

Ivanhoe and the king travel to Ashby-de-la-Zouche, where a tournament is being held. Ivanhoe enters the tournament and defeats all of his opponents. However, he is then accused of treason by Prince John. Ivanhoe is imprisoned, but he is later rescued by Robin Hood.

Ivanhoe and Robin Hood join forces to fight against Prince John. They are eventually victorious, and King Richard is able to reclaim his throne. Ivanhoe is rewarded for his loyalty and bravery, and he marries Lady Rowena.

## Themes

Ivanhoe is a novel about love, loyalty, and betrayal. The novel also explores the themes of good versus evil and the struggle between the Saxons and the Normans.

## Setting

Ivanhoe is set in England during the reign of Richard I. The novel vividly depicts the medieval world, with its castles, tournaments, and forests.

## Legacy

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## Reviews

"Ivanhoe is a masterpiece of historical fiction. Scott's characters are unforgettable, his plot is thrilling, and his depiction of medieval life is unparalleled." - The New York Times

"Ivanhoe is a must-read for anyone who loves historical fiction. Scott's novel is a timeless classic that will continue to be enjoyed for generations to come." - The Washington Post



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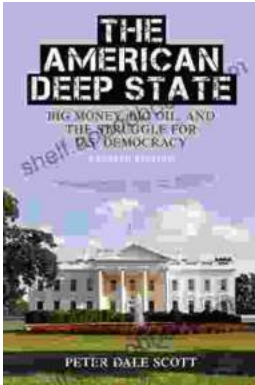
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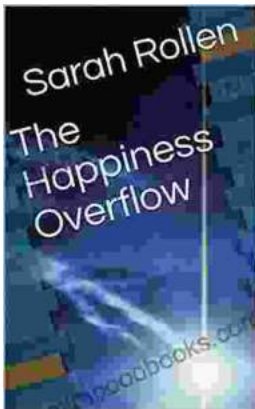
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