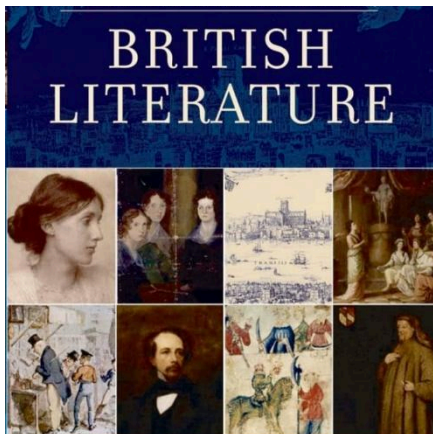




British Literature

As for me, I tend to assume that Great Britain gave the world a lot of talented people. Many famous writers and poets were born and lived in Great Britain. It is considered one of the best-known English playwrights was **William Shakespeare**. William Shakespeare contributed to the development not only of English but also of world literature. He is usually called a national poet of England.

As far as I'm concerned, the complete edition of his works was translated into 70 languages, and different plays and poems into more than 200 languages. He drew ideas for his tragedies and comedies from the history of England and ancient Rome.

Many experts consider Shakespeare the greatest writer and the greatest playwright in English language. William Shakespeare wrote 37 plays which may be divided into: comedies (such as "A Midsummer Night's Dream"), tragedies (such as "Hamlet", "Othello", "King Lear", "Macbeth") and historical plays (such as "Richard II", "Henry V", "Julius Caesar", "Antony and Cleopatra").

Robert Burns represents the generation of Romantic writers. In his poems he described with love and understanding the simple life he knew. Among his well-known poems are "Halloween", "The Jolly Beggars", "To a Mouse", "**My Heart's in the Highlands**".

Lord George Gordon Byron. His famous works such as "Stanzas to Augusta", "The Prisoner of Chilton", "Childe Harold's Pilgrimage", "Manfred" draw readers into the passion, humors and conviction of a poet whose life and work truly embodied the Romantic spirit.

Sir Walter Scott wrote the first examples of historical novel, for instance, "Ivanhoe".

Lewis Carroll became famous when he published "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland".

These and many other British writers made an impact on British literature and literature in general. They produced unique writings which achieved success many years ago and are still admired and read by millions of people all over the world.

English Authors: The 10 Best English Writers (After Shakespeare)

- William Blake 1757-1827. ...
- Lord George Gordon Byron
- Robert Burns
- Geoffrey Chaucer 1343-1400. ...
- Charles Dickens 1812-1870. ...
- Sir Walter Scott
- George Eliot 1819-1880. ...

- Lewis Carroll
- John Milton 1608-1674. ...
- George Orwell 1903-1950. ...
- Harold Pinter 1930-2008. ..