The Canterbury Tales (Middle English: The Tales of Canterbury) is a 14th-century English work by Geoffrey Chaucer. It is a collection of twenty-four stories, some of which are incomplete. Some of the tales are in verse; others are in prose. Chaucer is believed to have begun work on the first story which would eventually become part of the collection in 1380 but it was unfinished when the author died in 1400.

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A Prussian king who embraced culture and wrote poetry and prose. He gave religious and philosophical toleration to all subjects, abolished torture and made the laws simpler. John Locke. English philosopher who advocated the idea of a "social contract" in which government powers are derived from the consent of the governed and in which the government serves the people; also said people have natural rights to life, liberty and property. Louis XIV. Known as the Sun King, he was the epitomize of absolute monarchies (French). I can easily characterize Pushkin's prose stories by remarking that they are "heroic unsupernatural fairy tales." Most are historically-based and happy endings, (at least in the finished works), appear inevitable. Even in the unfinished tales the astute reader can see that Pushkin was working towards "happily ever after" type conclusions.

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