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Geoffrey Chaucer ( ; JEF-ree CHAW-s■r; c. 1343 – 25 October 1400) was an English poet, writer and  
civil servant best known for The Canterbury Tales. He has been called the 'father of English literature',  
or alternatively, the 'father of English poetry'. He was the first writer to be buried in what has since  
become Poets' Corner in Westminster Abbey. Chaucer also gained fame as a philosopher and  
astronomer, composing the scientific A Treatise on the Astrolabe f