

Poet, Seducer, and Preacher of War: The Extraordinary Life of Samuel Taylor Coleridge



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Samuel Taylor Coleridge was one of the most influential poets of the Romantic era. His work, which includes such masterpieces as "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner" and "Kubla Khan," has had a profound impact on generations of readers. But Coleridge was also a deeply flawed individual, a man who struggled with drug addiction, marital infidelity, and financial ruin.

In his captivating biography, *Poet, Seducer, and Preacher of War*, Richard Holmes reveals the remarkable story of this complex and contradictory figure. Drawing on a wealth of new research, Holmes paints a vivid portrait of Coleridge's life and times, from his childhood in rural Devonshire to his years as a student at Cambridge University to his tumultuous marriage to the poet Sara Hutchinson.

Holmes explores Coleridge's brilliance as a poet, his groundbreaking work in literary criticism, and his profound influence on the development of English Romanticism. But he also delves into Coleridge's darker side, his struggles with addiction, his infidelities, and his financial recklessness.

The result is a nuanced and deeply moving portrait of a man who was both a literary genius and a deeply flawed individual. *Poet, Seducer, and Preacher of War* is a must-read for anyone interested in the life and work of Samuel Taylor Coleridge.

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Richard Holmes is an award-winning biographer and historian. He is the author of several acclaimed books, including *Dr. Johnson and Mr. Savage*, *The Age of Wonder*, and *Shelley: The Pursuit*. Holmes is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature and a Professor of English Literature at the University of Oxford.

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