



# Robin Hood

Robin Hood was an outlaw who, according to legend, lived in Sherwood Forest, near Nottingham. He regularly fought against his enemy, the Sheriff of Nottingham. In some versions of the Robin Hood legend, Richard the Lionheart is Robin's friend; in others he is his enemy. In some of the Robin hood stories, King John was Robin's enemy.

Robin is known for dressing in green, for being a skillful archer and for robbing the rich to give to the poor. His band of Merry Men included Friar Tuck, Little John and Will Scarlet. Robin Hood is usually said to have lived in the 11th or 12th centuries, although the earliest reference to him in a song was during the 14th century.

Robin Hood is described as a yeoman, or knight. He was probably based on a real person, although if that is so, nobody knows for sure who he was. He may have been a Yorkshireman called Robin of Loxley. Some historians speculate that Robin Hood was based on nobleman Fulk FitzWarin, who rebelled against King John. FitzWarin's life was later turned into its own medieval tale, Fouke le Fitz Waryn, which holds some similarities to the Robin Hood stories.

If Robin was a real person, there is a grave at Kirklees Priory in Yorkshire said to be his. Legend says that when he knew he was dying, Robin fired an arrow, asking to be buried where it landed.

Nottinghamshire is promoted as 'Robin Hood County', and there are hundreds of places named after the outlaw.



Errol Flynn as Robin Hood



In July 1952, the statue of Robin Hood was unveiled on the Robin Hood Lawn, beneath Nottingham Castle, in the remains of the moat on Castle Road.

Robin Hood has been portrayed in over 100 films and many books. He has been played by Errol Flynn and Kevin Costner, and portrayed as a fox in the Disney cartoon version.

Robin is said to have hidden from his enemies in the Major Oak tree in Sherwood Forest. The huge tree measures about 30 metres around and is almost 1,000 years old.

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