

The legend of:



THE ROBIN HOOD LEGEND

- In the time of Richard the Lionheart a minor noble of Nottinghamshire, one Robin of Loxley, was outlawed for poaching deer.
- At that time the deer in a royal forest belonged to the king, and killing one of the king's deer was therefore treason, and punishable by death.



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- As an outlaw Robin took to the greenwood of Sherwood Forest, making a living by stealing from rich travellers and distributing the loot among the poor of the area.



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In the process he gained a band of followers and a spouse, Maid Marion.



Robin Hood's Gang

➤ Little John

➤ Friar Tuck

➤ Lady Marion

➤ Will

➤ Robin Hood

➤ Nazi

➤ Alan Adale



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- Despite the best efforts of the evil Sheriff of Nottingham, Robin avoided capture until the return of King Richard from the Crusades brought about a full pardon and the restoration of Robin's lands.



- In other versions he dies at the hands of a kinswoman, the abbess of Kirklees Priory.



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- That, in a very small nutshell, is the legend, but is there truth behind it?
- Well, possibly.

The Robin Hood Legend vs Evidence

- Several someones, named Robin Hood existed at different times.
- Court records of the York Assizes refer to a "Robert Hod", who was a fugitive in 1226.
- In the following year the assizes referred to the same man as "Robinhud".



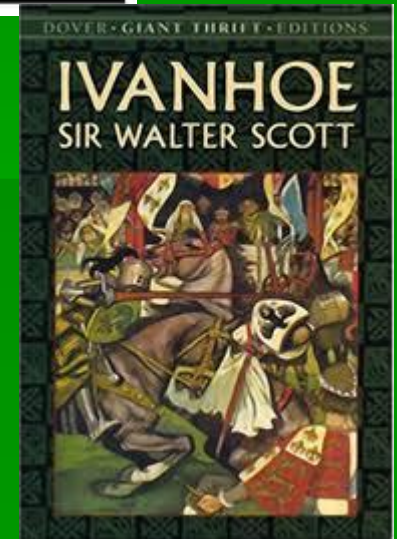
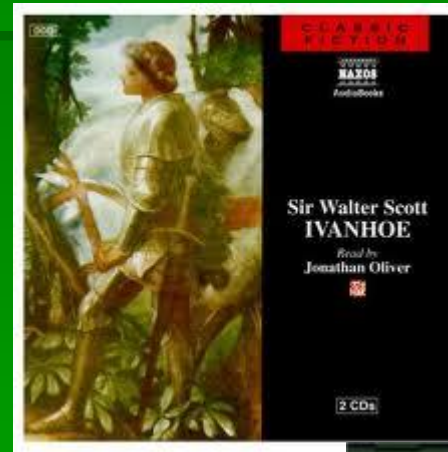
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- By 1300 at least 8 people were called Robinhood, and at least 5 of those were fugitives from the law.
- In 1266 the Sherrif of Nottingham, William de Grey, was in active conflict with outlaws in Sherwood Forest.
- It seems most likely that a number of different outlaws built upon the reputation of a fugitive in the forest, and over time, the legend grew.



Robin Hood in fiction – e.g. *Ivanhoe*

- *Ivanhoe* is a novel:
 - by Sir Walter Scott
 - written in 1819
 - set in 12th-century England,
 - an example of historical fiction



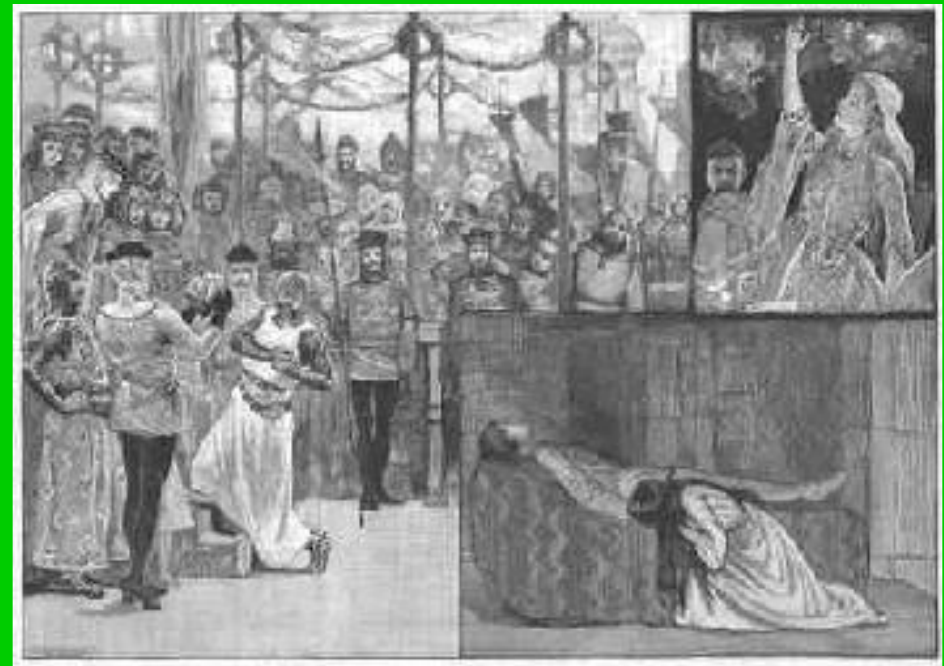
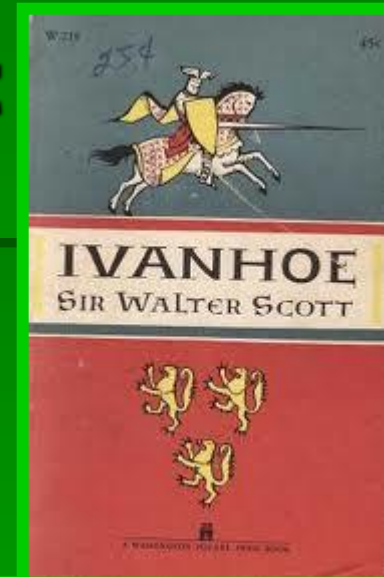
Robin Hood in fiction - *Ivanhoe* by Sir Walter Scott

- *Ivanhoe* is the story of one of the remaining Saxon noble families at a time when the English nobility was overwhelmingly Norman.
- It follows the Saxon protagonist, Wilfred of Ivanhoe, who is out of favour with his father for his allegiance to the Norman king Richard I of England.
- The story is set in 1194, after the end of the Third Crusade, when many of the Crusaders were still returning to Europe.
- The legendary Robin Hood, initially under the name of Locksley, is also a character in the story, as are his "merry men", including Friar Tuck and less so, Alan-a-Dale. (Little John is merely mentioned.)
- The character that Scott gave to Robin Hood in *Ivanhoe* helped shape the modern notion of this figure as a cheery noble outlaw.



Robin Hood in fiction - *Ivanhoe* by Sir Walter Scott

- *Wilfred of Ivanhoe* – a knight and son of Cedric the Saxon
- *Rebecca* – a Jewish healer, daughter of Isaac of York
- *Rowena* – a noble Saxon Lady
- *Prince John* – brother of King Richard
- *The Black Knight* or *Knight of the Fetterlock* – King Richard the Lionhearted, incognito
- ***Locksley* – i.e., Robin Hood, an English yeoman**
- ***The Hermit* or *Clerk of Copmanhurst* — i.e., Friar Tuck**
- *Brian de Bois-Guilbert* – a Templar Knight
- *Isaac of York* – the father of Rebecca; a Jewish merchant and money-lender
- *Prior Aymer* – Prior of Jorvaulx
- *Reginald Front-de-Boeuf* – a local baron who was given Ivanhoe's estate by Prince John
- *Cedric the Saxon* – Ivanhoe's father
- *Lucas de Beaumanoir* – fictional Grand Master of the Knights Templars
- *Conrade de Montfichet* – Templar
- *Maurice De Bracy* – Captain of the Free Companions
- *Waldemar Fitzurse* – Prince John's loyal minion
- *Aethelstane* – last of the Saxon royal line
- *Albert de Malvoisin* – Preceptor of Templestowe
- *Philip de Malvoisin* – local baron (brother of Albert)
- *Gurth* – Cedric's loyal Swineherd
- *Wamba* – Cedric's loyal Jester



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- One thing to note about the early legends is that Robin Hood:
 - was not an aristocrat, as he was later portrayed,
 - but a simple yeoman driven to a life of crime by the harsh rule of the law of the rich.
- As such, it is easy to see how his story soon became a favourite folk tale among the poor.



ROBIN HOOD's GRAVE?

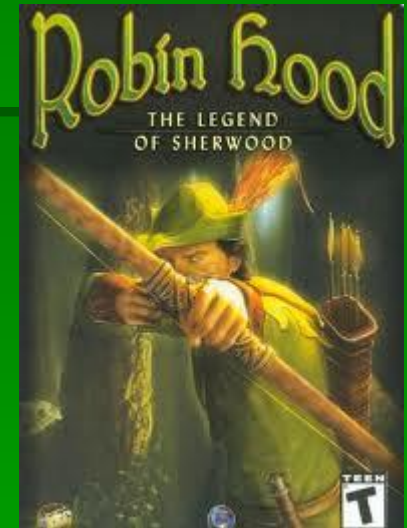
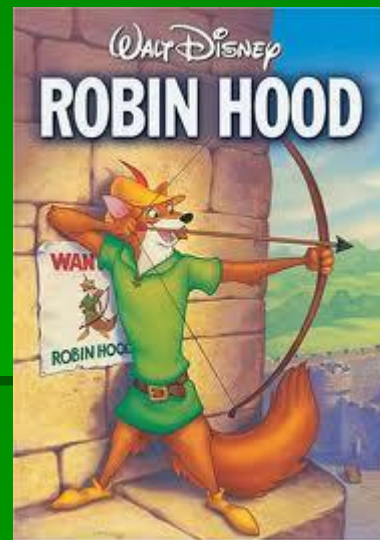
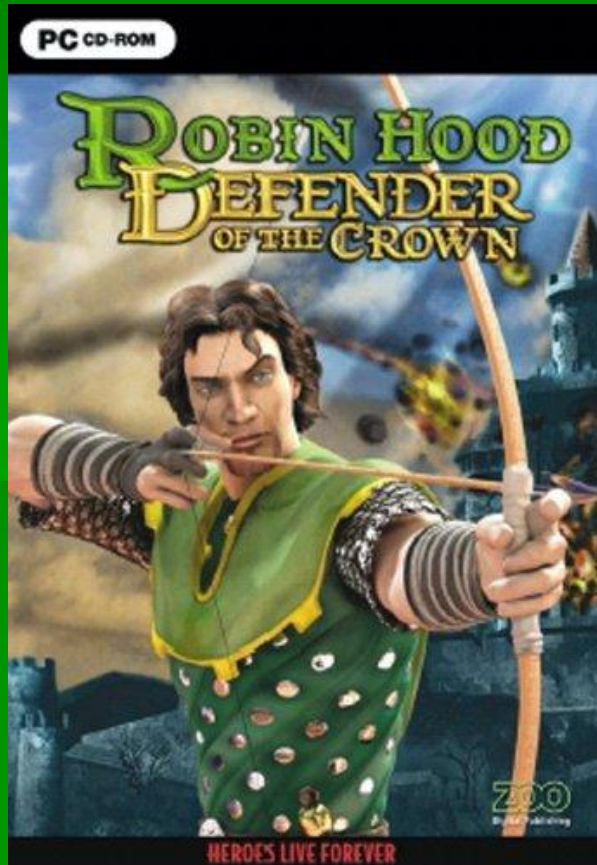
- There is, in the grounds of Kirklees Priory, an old grave stone, marking the final resting place of one "Robard Hude".
- Proof that part of the tale may be true? It would be nice to think so.



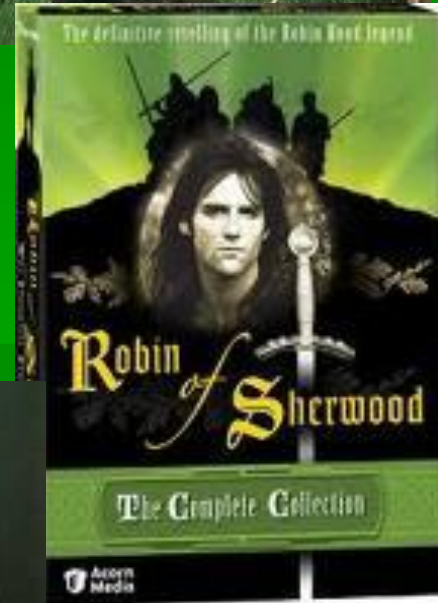
LITTLE JOHN'S GRAVE?



THE ROBIN HOOD LEGEND vs ANIMATION



Robin Hood TV Series

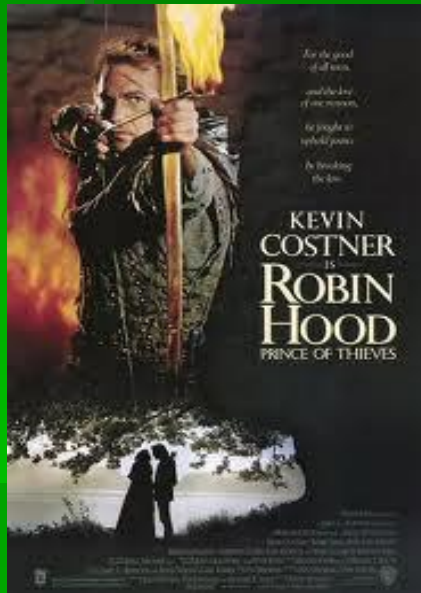


**Robin Hood,
2006 TV Series,**

**Robin of
Sherwood,
1983-6**



VARIOUS FILM ADAPTATIONS OF THE ROBIN HOOD LEGEND



**Robin Hood:
Prince of Thieves,
Dir. Reynolds, K. 1991**



**Robin Hood:
Men in Tights,
Dir. Brooks, M. 1993**



**Robin Hood,
Dir. Scott, R. 2010**

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