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*Let each man tell his tale...*

The Knight's Tale  
Geoffrey Chaucer

Our story begins in 1360. It was a time of castles and intrigue, of knights and chivalry.

Less than twenty years before, the Black Death had decimated Europe's population. Twenty years later, Wat Tyler would meet his fate while leading a peasant uprising. In the meantime, Geoffrey Chaucer the great English poet, was writing his famous Canterbury Tales.

The Knights of France and England had tales to tell of their own:

- Of jousting and tournaments;
- Of fair maidens and dragons;
- Of King Arthur and the Round Table.

English speakers then did not sound like English speakers today. But people who attended the popular jousting tournaments of the 14th century expected from their heroes what we expect from ours: Courage in the face of great danger.

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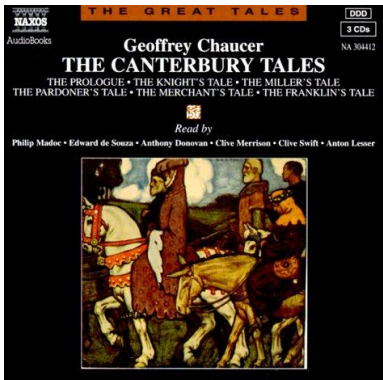
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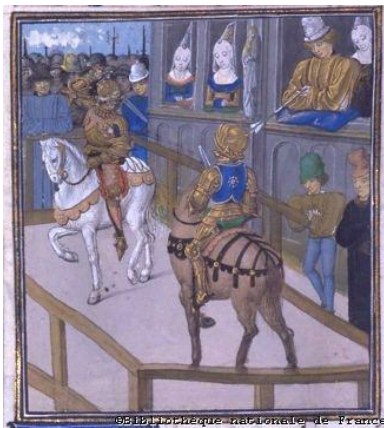


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## Jousting - Sport of the Middle Ages

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