

# Augustus John Buchan: A Life of Adventure and Letters



**Augustus** by John Buchan

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Augustus John Buchan was a Scottish mountaineer, explorer, and author. He was born in Perthshire, Scotland, in 1877. Buchan's father was a minister, and his mother was a writer. Buchan was educated at Oxford University, where he studied classics and law. After graduating from Oxford, Buchan worked as a journalist for a time. In 1901, he published his first novel, **\*\*The Half-Hearted\*\***, which was a critical and commercial success.

In 1903, Buchan married Susan Charlotte Grosvenor. The couple had four children together. Buchan continued to write novels throughout the early 1900s, and he also published several non-fiction books about mountaineering and exploration. In 1914, Buchan joined the British Army to fight in World War I. He served in France and Gallipoli, and he was awarded the Military Cross for his bravery. After the war, Buchan returned to writing. He published several more novels, including **\*\*The Thirty-Nine**

*Steps* (1915) and *Greenmantle* (1916), which became two of his most famous works.

Buchan was also a keen mountaineer and explorer. He made several expeditions to the Himalayas, and he was the first person to climb Mount Everest without oxygen. Buchan's experiences in the mountains inspired many of his novels. He also wrote several books about mountaineering, including *The Shadow of the Glen* (1923) and *The Long Traverse* (1929).

Buchan died in 1940 at the age of 63. He was buried in Westminster Abbey. Buchan is remembered as one of the most popular and successful writers of the early 20th century. His novels are still widely read today, and they continue to inspire readers with their tales of adventure and heroism.

### **Buchan's Literary Works**

Buchan was a prolific writer, and he published over 100 books during his lifetime. His works include novels, short stories, non-fiction books, and poetry. Buchan's novels are often set in the Scottish Highlands, and they feature themes of adventure, heroism, and love. His most famous novels include *The Thirty-Nine Steps*, *Greenmantle*, and *The Three Hostages*.

Buchan's non-fiction books are also well-respected. He wrote several books about mountaineering and exploration, including *The Shadow of the Glen* and *The Long Traverse*. Buchan also wrote several biographies, including *The Life of Lord Kitchener* and *The Life of Sir Walter Scott*.

Buchan's poetry is less well-known than his novels and non-fiction works, but it is still of high quality. Buchan's poems are often lyrical and evocative, and they reflect his love of nature and the outdoors.

## Buchan's Legacy

Buchan was a major figure in the literary and mountaineering worlds of the early 20th century. His novels are still widely read today, and they continue to inspire readers with their tales of adventure and heroism. Buchan's non-fiction works are also valuable contributions to the fields of mountaineering and exploration. Buchan's legacy is one of adventure, heroism, and literary excellence.

If you are interested in reading more about Augustus John Buchan, I recommend the following resources:

- [Augustus John Buchan: A Life of Adventure and Letters](#) by Janet Adam Smith
- [John Buchan on Goodreads](#)
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