



ROBIN HOOD

A GRAPHIC NOVEL



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ABOUT ROBIN HOOD

The stories of Robin Hood's adventures were first told hundreds of years ago in England. The earliest known written story, *The Gest of Robin Hood*, was written around 1500. The word "gest" means deed. This early version includes Maid Marian, Little John, and the Sheriff of Nottingham.

In the 1800s, Howard Pyle, an American illustrator and writer, loved reading about Robin Hood. He retold these popular stories in 1883 in his book *The Merry Adventures of Robin Hood*.

Sherwood Forest, the setting for the tale of Robin Hood, still exists in England. However, the forest today is a much different place than it was in the late 1100s. Back then, the forest belonged to the King of England. Only he and other noblemen were allowed to hunt there. Also, the sheriffs, friars, and bishops collected taxes and tithes from the people who lived in the communities near Sherwood Forest. Most of these people were poor farmers who worked hard to feed their families. These people relied on the goods of the forest — from the wood for heat and shelter to the plants and wildlife for food. Many people poached, or hunted illegally, in order to provide their families with food even though they could be hanged for breaking the law. Those who were in trouble with the law, like Robin Hood, often hid deep in the forest.

The story of Robin Hood, whether it is true or not, gave people hope that such an unfair way of living would eventually come to an end.

CAST OF CHARACTERS



Marian

Robin Hood



Will Scarlet



Little John



King Richard



Edward

Sir Stephen





**David of
Doncaster**

**Will
Stutely**



**Sheriff of
Nottingham**



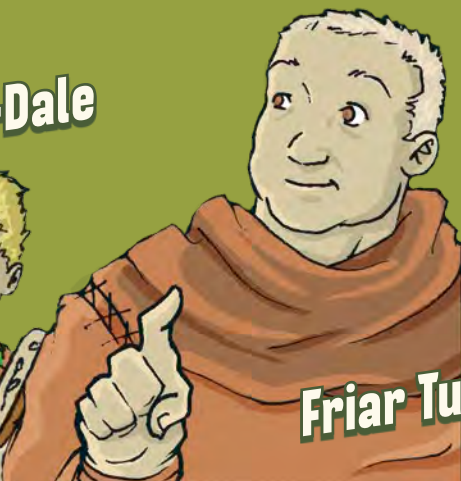
Bishop of Hereford

Alan-a-Dale

Eleanor



Friar Tuck



Chapter 1 - The Making of an Outlaw

A young man named Robin walks through Sherwood Forest. He is about to take a step that will change his life forever.

Hey, boy!





One of the rangers fires an arrow at Robin.



Robin has no choice but to defend himself.



UGH





Robin flees.

I can't return home. I can't go to Nottingham.

I am an outlaw.