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File 4 Robin of Sherwood

Welcome to Robin's world! p. 56

Robin Hood lived in Nottinghamshire before he became an outlaw¹. He was a supporter of King Richard the Lionheart. Robin Hood hated Prince John with his high taxes, that's what led² him to become an outlaw. Robin Hood and his band of Merry Men, which included Friar³ Tuck and the oversized Little John, lived in Sherwood Forest, Nottingham. They lived together stealing⁴ from the rich and giving to the poor.

Adapted from *MY HERO Project* by Tristen, 2013.

¹ *hors-la-loi*

² *mena*

³ *Frère*

⁴ *volant*

Fact or fiction? p. 57

Was Robin Hood just a nickname¹ for English outlaws?

The name "Robin": which is a diminutive of "Robert", was an extraordinarily common² name in medieval England. The surname "Hood" was also common in England during this time period. "Hood" is also a word that was a name for the woods.

There were probably many Robin Hoods, and some of them were probably outlaws who hid in the forest beyond³ the control of the King and his officials.

dailyhistory.org, "Was Robin Hood a real person?", 2021.

¹ *surnom*

² *fréquent*

³ *au-delà de*

The Sheriff of Nottingham, p. 60

The hatred¹ between **Robin Hood** and the **Sheriff** forms a fundamental part of the tales². [...]

So who was the real Sheriff? **Eustace of Lowdham, Sheriff of Yorkshire** is the most likely³ candidate to form the basis of the Sheriff of Nottingham. He was **the Sheriff of Yorkshire** from 1225 to 1226, Forest Justice north of the Trent in 1226, and Sheriff of Nottinghamshire from 1232 to 1233.

visit-nottinghamshire.co.uk, 2025.

¹ *haine*

² stories

³ probable

The Golden Arrow, p. 61

The Sheriff thought of a plan: “Let's have a contest¹! [...] I am sure the outlaw Robin Hood will want² to win that! When he gets to town I will catch³ him!” [...]

Robin Hood covered his green everyday clothes with a long red cloak⁴. He pulled the hood over his head. [...] The Merry Men all went to town and entered the contest. [...]

Robin Hood shot arrow after arrow. He always hit the mark.

When the contest was over, the man in red was named the winner. The Sheriff gave him the golden⁵ arrow. [...] Robin Hood and the Merry Men laughed all the way back to Sherwood Forest. They had a great day in town. Best of all, they tricked the Sheriff!

Cari MEISTER, *The Golden Arrow*, 2008.

¹ competition

² *voudra*

³ *attraperai*

⁴ *cape*

⁵ *dorée*

Test your skills! p. 65

Robin Hood and his Merry Men

Three men greeted them with friendly smiles.

“Are you Robin Hood?” Much¹ asked the largest one.

“No,” said the man, scratching his bushy beard. “I’m Little John.”

“I’m Will Scarlet,” said the little man beside him.

“And I’m Friar Tuck,” said the third man, who wore a long monk’s² robe.

“Is Robin Hood even here?” asked Much, in frustration.

“Right here,” a voice replied.

The famous outlaw was leaning against a tree, grasping³ a longbow.

Rob LLOYD JONES, *Robin Hood*, 2008.

¹ Much is the name of a character.

² *moine*

³ *tenant*

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This bright, sunshiny morning Robin took his bow and arrows, and started off through the forest in search of adventure. He came to a river. It was wide and deep. Robin began to cross the bridge, before he noticed that a great, tall man was crossing too from the other side. Robin was not a coward¹, and he was not afraid. He looked at the stranger and saw that he was not only taller but much stronger than himself. That did not frighten Robin in the least.

Adapted from H. E. Marshall, *Stories of Robin Hood told to the children*, 2017.

¹ lâche