

First with the Oxford Dictionary of National Biography

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The *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography* is a collection of 50,000 specially written biographies of men and women who have shaped all aspects of the British past, from the earliest times to the end of the year 2000. The stories of these lives--told in substantial, authoritative, and readable articles--will be published simultaneously in 60 print volumes and online in September 2004.



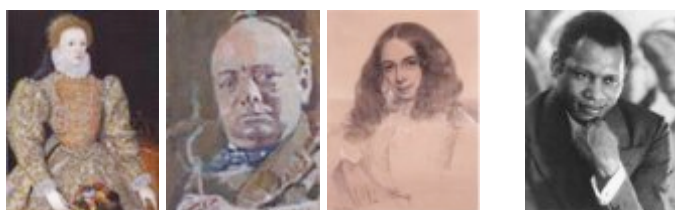
The *Oxford DNB* project is a unique amalgam of academic and publishing activity. It is constituted as a research and publishing project of the University of Oxford, with research funding from the British Academy, and Oxford University Press.

Replacing and extending the original Victorian *Dictionary of National Biography*, the *Oxford DNB* is probably the largest co-operative research project ever undertaken in the humanities. Over a twelve-year period a team of academic editors and publishers in Oxford is co-ordinating the work of many thousands of specialists worldwide to re-create one of the great reference works in English for the twenty-first century.

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- 50,000 biographies and 60 million words record the lives of the men and women who shaped all aspects of British history, from the explorer Pytheas of the fourth century BC to modern figures who died before 31 December 2000
- Over 36,000 newly written biographies
- 10,000 expert contributors worldwide
- 450 specialist advisors and a 50-strong editorial team have worked for over 10 years to create this new authority
- 10,000 portrait illustrations, shown next to the relevant biographies.

The *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography* will cost £7500. If ordered before 30 September 2004 it is available for £6500. However, to celebrate this unique book the special pre-publication Dawson price is £5,700!



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