

JAMES BOSWELL THE LIFE OF SAMUEL JOHNSON

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Charming, vibrant, witty and edifying, *The Life of Samuel Johnson* is a work of great obsession and boundless reverence. The literary critic Samuel Johnson was 54 when he first encountered Boswell; the friendship that developed spawned one of the greatest biographies in the history of world literature. The book is full of humorous anecdote and rich characterisation, and paints a vivid picture of 18th-century London, peopled by prominent personalities of the time such as Sir Joshua Reynolds, John Wilkes, Oliver Goldsmith and David Garrick, while also giving a compelling insight into Johnson's complex humanity – his depression, fear of death, intellectual brilliance and rough humour.



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