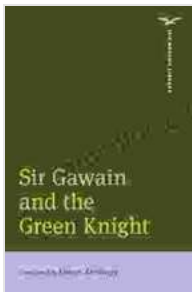


# Embark on a Medieval Quest with Sir Gawain and the Green Knight: A Timeless Tale of Courage, Honor, and the Power of Words



A Journey into the Realm of Arthurian Legend

In the annals of English literature, Sir Gawain and the Green Knight stands as a shining beacon of medieval storytelling. First written in the late 14th century, this epic poem narrates the perilous quest of Sir Gawain, one of King Arthur's most renowned knights. Translated and edited by the esteemed scholars of The Norton Library, this edition brings this timeless masterpiece to a new generation of readers.



## Sir Gawain and the Green Knight (The Norton Library)

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The story begins in the opulent hall of Camelot, where Christmas festivities are interrupted by the appearance of the enigmatic Green Knight. Clad in emerald armor and riding a magnificent steed, the Green Knight challenges Arthur's knights to a deadly game: one of them must strike him with his axe, on the condition that the knight will receive the same blow in return, one year and a day later.

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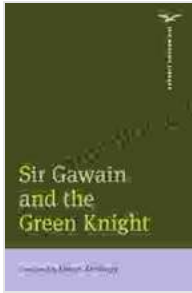
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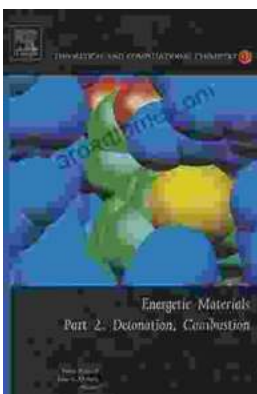


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