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Directed by

BILLY MATTHEWS

Musical Director

Choreography by

JERRY GOLDBERG

MARC HERTSENS

CAST (In Order Of Appearance)

Sir Dinadan	BIL PFUDERER
Sir Lionel	JAMES DAYLE
Merlyn	ROBERT THOMPSON
Arthur	EARL WRIGHTSON
Guenevere	
Nimue	LEEANNE MITCHELL
A Page	ROBERT PAGE PRIKO
Lancelot	
Dap	JAMES ALLEN LINDUSKA
Pellinore	HASKELL GORDON
Lady Anne	BETTY-ANN CARLTON
Sir Sagramore	JAMES HARMS
A Page	RON SUKIENNIK
Lady Catherine	KAY WILLIF OLSON
Mordred	FRANK ANDRE
Morgan Le Fey	
Scottish Knight	
Tom of Warwick	JOE GIAMALVA

Melody Top Singers: KAY WILLIE OLSON, BETTY-ANNE CARLTON JAN MYERS, LEEANNE MITCHELL, JAN MICHAELS, RENATO VELLUTINO, JUSTIN MORLEY, JAMES HARMS, JAMES ALLEN LINDUSKA, JAMES DAYLE, JAMES B. SPANN

Melody Top Dancers: SUSAN PLATT, LEE ANNE WAGNER, KATHY BARTOSH, JOHN KESSLER, JOHN LANDOVSKY, RON SUKIENNIK, DENNIS LANDSMAN, ROBERT PAGE PRIKO.



EARL WRIGHTSON

Encouraged by two great American baritones, John Charles Thomas and Robert Weede, Earl Wrightson left a job singing on a Baltimore radio station to go to New York to study and seek out a career on America's great singing stage. From his first job as a page boy at NBC, he has risen to become one of America's most popular musical stars. At the age of seventeen, Wrightson's pagents conceded that the wouth was devotedly single-minded about his

At the age of seventeen, Wrightson's parents conceded that the youth was devotedly single-minded about his future and permitted him to quit public high school to study at the donservatory in his home town Baltimore It was during his tenure there, that Earl sought out and landed a job singling overla local radio station. John Charles Thomas heard the youth's voice and encouraged him to go to New York. As a result, Wrightson went to New York and Auditioned for Robert Weede, another Baltimorian. He promptly became Weede's protege and until this day he remains Earl's teacher and yocal coach.

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Earl's first big break came shortly after he had begun his studies under the tutelage of Robert Weede. He was engaged for a regular radio series, co-starting with Percy Faith and Eleanor Steber. His next starting assignment, an introduction to the Broadway musical theater, was in 1944, in the revival of Signund Romberg's New Moon. Shortly thereafter he created the leading role of Berwenuto Cellini in Kurt Weill's The Firebrand of Florence. It was in this vehicle that Earl grew his now famous beard.

His acting ability and outstanding voice stood him in good stead when an invant industry called television was born. CBS quickly dangled an attractive contract before his handsome face, and the one-year agreement stretched to three years. He has appeared steadily ever since on all the leading musical and variety shows, including regular appearances on the Jack Paar Show and the Bell Telephone Hour. In addition, Earl is the host and featured attraction on his own program every Sunday afternoon, The American Musical Theatre.

Earl Wrightson is under recording contract to Columbia Records. Every album he has ever recorded has been chosen as the Columbia Record Club selection of the month.



LOIS HUNT

Lois munt realized early that the possessed a lyric soprano voice of the atic capability. Wile attending the University of Representation (she was graduated with a degree in dental hygiene) Lois studied voice by a tely and gained experience by singing at USO cante in a bund Philadelphia.

USO canteen in Philag a performanc on Lois and seated Mrs. Dame F der Biddle in Mrs. Biddle, impressed nical knowlege, arranged is' tonal qua r her to audition for Leger, who was then the ant manage at t politan Opera. St. Leger npete in the Metropolitan ptly invited Miss I the Air. She sang the Jewel Ope s Aud s of st and the judges were unanimous in acclaimre than 900 entrants. The prize ing t at the Met. was

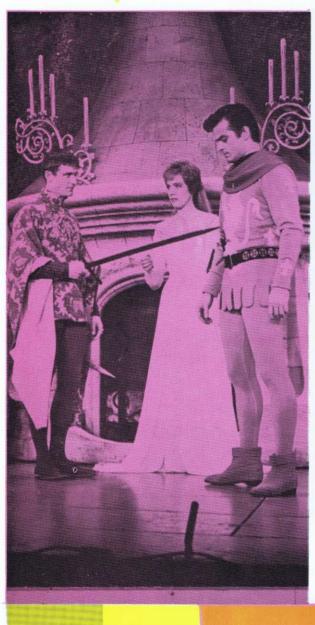
Amone the many roles sue has sung at the Met and with other leading opera companies are Mimi and Musetta in la joheme. Gilda in Rigoleto, Violetta in La Traviata and tena in Alisir D'Amor. But helphost notable achievement at the Met was her show-stopping performance as Adele in Die Fledermaus, which also had two performances on network television.

Although sile was tremondously fond of opera, Lois began to accept supper club offers and appeared frequently on television, singing the scores of Broadway hits. It was during one such TV appearance that she met Earl Wrightson, who was so impressed with the vivacious soprano that he promptly included duets in her repetoire. The pair proved to be a natural, and have since appeared in most major supper clubs and concert halls in the country, presenting An Evening with Earl Wrightson and Lois Hunt.

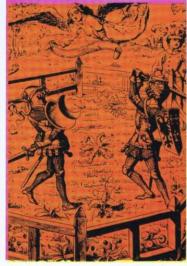
Miss Hunt has also appeared with Mr. Wrightson as a regular guest on such television shows as *American Musical Theatre, Bell Telephone Hour, The Voice of Firestone* and the *Tonight Show*.

Under contract to Columbia Records, she has recorded with Wrightson in such best-selling albums as A Night with Sigmund Romberg, A Night with Jerome Kern, A Night with Rudolf Friml and Great Songs from Cole Porter's "Kiss Me Kate."











Left: The villanous Modred (Roddy McDowell) confronts Lancelot (Robert Goulet) in Guenevere's (Julie Andrews) chambers.

Above: The Throme Room of Camelot as seen on the Broadway stage.

Below: Julie Andrews in the "Lusty Month of May" number.

Far Right: Richard Burton as King Arthur and Julie Andrews as Guenevere.

The history of the show

fter the fabulous success of "My Fair Lady," its authors and director, Moss Hart, seeking a suitable subject for their next project, were impressed by the reviews of T. H. White's novel, "The Once and Future King," when it was published in 1958. After reading the book they knew that this was what they were looking for—a great romantic tale with opportunities for spectacular staging. o great was the public interest in any new musical that would be put together by the trio who had overwhelmed the theatrical world with "My Fair

gether by the trio who had overwhelmed the theatrical world with "My Fair Lady" that when an advertisement inviting mail orders appeared in New York newspapers eight months before the scheduled opening (and the new show was far from being completely written), nearly half a million dollars worth of tickets were ordered within a few days. When "Camelot" finally opened (after a postponement from its originally announced date) advance ticket sales for it performances amounted to over \$3,000,000—larger even than for "My Fair Lady" and for any other Broadway attraction up to then. Advance orders for the original-cast album distributed by Columbia Records, came to \$1,250,000.

he pre-Broadway tryout began in Toronto on October 1, 1960 with the show's running time at about four hours. The usual cutting and fixing was in store for it. But no one realized at what a toll. In the course of this activity, Lerner suffered an attack of ulcers, Moss Hart was incapacitated by a heart attack (he died one year after the New York opening of "Camelot"), and a series of accidents and illnesses hit the cast and staff of the show. But seven weeks after the Toronto opening, "Camelot" opened in New York, on December 3, 1960 and was appraised as being the most lavish spectacle even seen on Broadway. Its cost was certainly the highest for any Broadway musical to that time—\$673,000. This was recouped by the 45th week of the show's run. It continued for a very successful 25 months, ending its run on January 5, 1963—its 873rd performance. The cast had Richard Burton as Arthur, Julie Andrews as Guenevere, Robert Goulet as Lancelot, Robert Coote as Pellinore, Roddy McDowell as Mordred.

t award time in 1961, "Camelot" came in for its share of honors. It won four "Tony's"—one for Richard Burton's performance as King Arthur, another for its musical director, and awards for its scenery and costumes. In October, 1963 a national touring company set out to play major American cities (its receipts everywhere were extraordinary) and productions of the show were mounted in London and in Australia in 1964. The film rights to the musical were purchased by Warner Brothers for \$2 million.



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HASKELL GORDON

In the theatre, Mr. Godron has understudied Jackie Gleason in Gollow the Girls, toured with June Havoc in In Any Language, and has appeared in featured roles in stock productions of Anything Goes, Guys and Dolls, Oklahoma, and Music Man. He has been featured in many successful Revues during the past several seasons—Noises in the Theater, Get the Picture, Checkerboard, and Take It From the Top. Mr. Gordon holds both a Bachelor's and Master's degree from Northwestern University.

He owns and operates a record store on Chicago's near-north side when he isn't busy in one facet or another of show business. Since 1963, he has appeared at Melody Top theaters -- his past performances here include Vagabond King with Earl Wrightson, Kiss Me Kate with Howard Keel, Wildcat with Martha Raye, Little Me with Gabriel Delland, Pajama Game with Phil Ford and Mimi Hines. Mr. Gordon will appear this winter in the film Mickey One with Warren Beatty. His other film and TV credits include Route 66, Chicago's Emmy Shows, Prairie Giant, The Rose Bimler Story, and several national TV Commercials



KEITH PRÈNNICE

Mr. Prentice was seen in this area in Mr. President at Melody Top and opposite Monique Van Vooren in Irma La Douce. Before Irma, Keith was the lead in the Off-Broadway production of Jo, the musical version of Little Women. Keith also has two Broadway credits The Sound of Music with Mary Martin, and Sail Away where he understudied the lead and played several times opposite Elaine Stritch. Keith attended the American Academy of Dramatic Arts for one year. He now studies with Madame Tamara Dakahovana of the Actors Studio. His other credits include Irma La Douce opposite Lilo, Fiorello, Wildcat, Wish You Were Here and The King and I.



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FRANK ANDRE

With both dramatic and musical experience to his credit, Frank Andre has been given wide acclaim for his portrayals in both fields. The talented young actor has been seen in the dramatic productions of As I Lay Dying, The Rainmaker, Desire Under the Elms, Tea and Sympathy and Teach Me How To Cry. He has also been seen in many hit musicals, some of which are Brigadoon, Oklahoma!, Damn Yankees, Student Prince, Can Can, Guys and Dolls, The Boy Friend and Bye Bye Birdie. He was also the narrator for the DuPont Pavillion's The Wonderful World of Chemistry at the New York World's Fair during 1964.



ROBERT THOMPSON

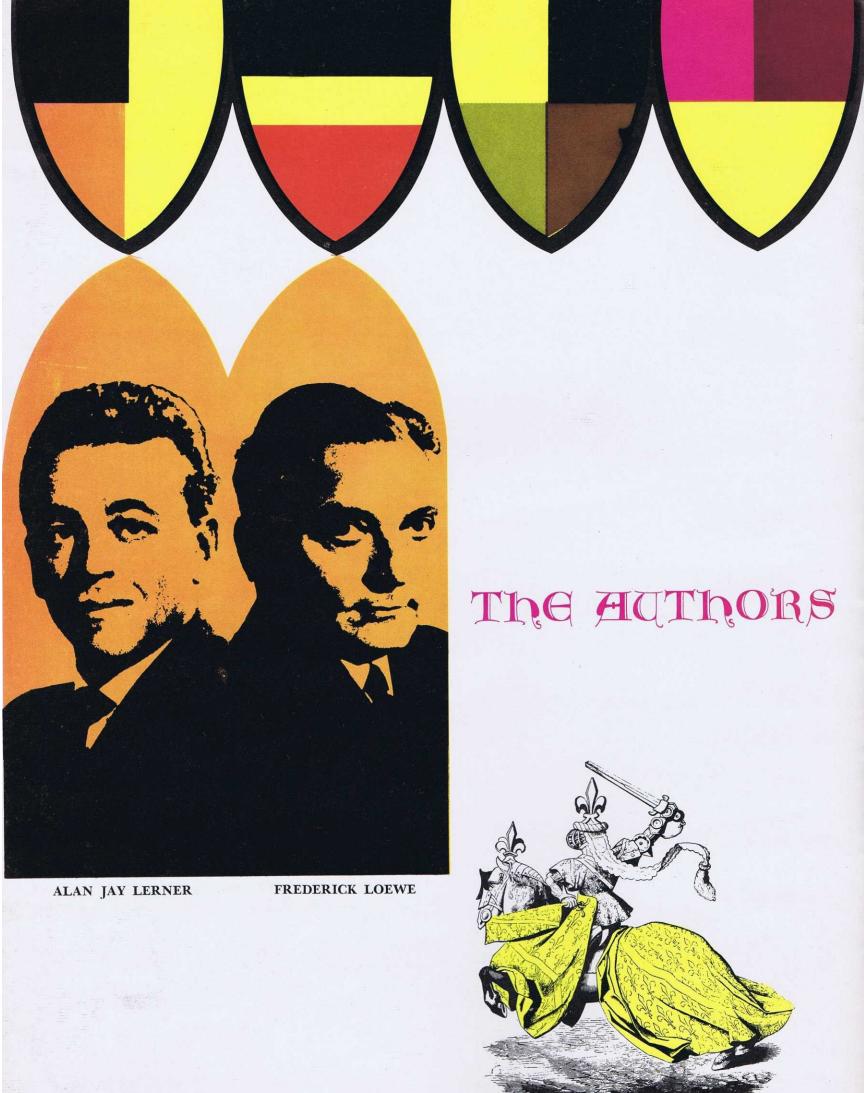
Mr. Thompson is a well known in Chicago theatrical circles and is the highly respected director of drama at Rosary College in River Forest, Illinois. He has had 14 seasons of summer stock at theatres in the East, notably in Maryland and Connecticut. He has appeared in the Melody Top productions of Oklahoma, Silk Stockings, Kismet, Brigadoon, South Pacific, Take Me Along, Bells Are Ringing, Student Prince, Carousel, Kiss Me Kate, Vagabond King, Music Man and The King and I. He also appeared with Phil Ford and Mimi Hines at Melody Top in Anything Goes and Hit The Deck. Mr Thompson acted and directed at the Peninsula Players in Fishcreek, Wisconsin, from 1953 to 1957.



ADELE MALIS

Take an array of talent, a bundle of laughs and a lot of experience, then add some blue eyes and chestnut hair; put them all into a wee five foot frame and the result could very well be Adele Malis. Audiences of the strawhat circuit have seen the comedienne in such hit productions as Man For All Seasons, The Boyfriend, Pajama Game, Lo And Behold Oklahoma, Guys and Dolls, Hay Fever and Rattle Of A Simple Man to name but a few. Her television credits include singing and dancing on the CBS Emmy Awards Show to doing various commercials and voice impersonations. She has had an innumerable array of radio spots, specializing in off-beat voices. Industrial Shows and films can also be added to the experience of Adele, having done shows for some of the largest manufacc turing companies in the country. She has also performed in the revues, Take It From the Top and The Eternal Square.







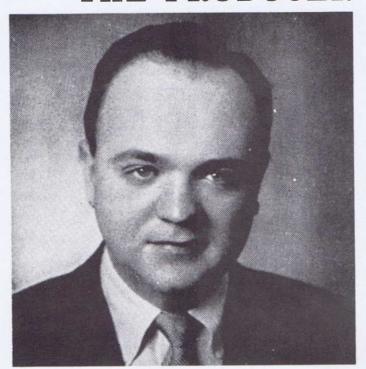
Shops. Educated in England and Harvard, he became a radio writer after graduating in 1940, turning out some 500 scripts before his first collaboration with Frederick Loewe in 1942. This was with "The Life of Riley" which expired in Detroit on its way to Broadway. The next year they tried again with "What's Up?" which lasted eight weeks on Broadway. Undaunted, they returned in 1945 with "The Day Before Spring" for only 167 performances. Then in 1947 they finally scored with "Brigadoon" which was awarded the year's best musical. Lerner then teamed with Kurt Weill (Threepenny Opera) in 1948 for "Love Life" which ran 30 weeks on Broadway. Then Hollywood called and he wrote the libretto for the Oscar winning "An American in Paris". He also did the story, screenplay and lyrics for "Royal Wedding" and his own "Brigadoon". In 1951 he rejoined Loewe for "Paint Your Wagon" on Broadway. Two years after the tremendous Broadway hit of "My Fair Lady" in 1956, they returned to films with "Gigi" which won 9 Oscars. In 1960 they scored again with "Camelot".

FREDERICK LOCKE was born into the theatre, the son of a leading Viennese actor-singer who was the original lead in "The Merry Widow". The young Loewe was a child piano prodigy at 4 and debuted with the Berlin Symphony at 13. He came to America in 1930 when his father was called to co-star on Broadway in "Tonight or Never". Two months after the opening, the father died and the son decided to stay in the U.S. In the next dozen years Loewe played concerts in Carnegie and Town Hall, boxed professionally (eight victories, one defeat), was a cowpuncher, gold prospector and beer hall piano player. He was gaining note as a song writer when in 1942 he approached Lerner at the Lambs Club in New York suggesting they collaborate on a musical. Lerner agreed and they began an eighteen year partnership that produced eight shows. After earning his fortune, Loewe decided to quit. Always a sybarite, living on a sumptuous scale, he decided in 1961 to settle for good on the Riviera.

officer. He was educated at Cheltenham College and Cambridge in England and became a school teacher. He gave up teaching in 1936 to write and produced the first of 19 books, "The Sword and the Stone", about the boyhood of King Arthur. It was a Book-of-the-Month choice in 1939 and Walt Disney bought the film rights. His "Mistress Mashan's Repose" was also a book club selection in 1946. Parts of his re-creation of the story of King Arthur appeared in condensation as "The Once and Future King." The series had begun with "The Sword in the Stone," followed by "The Witch in the Wood" (1939), "The Ill-Made Knight" (1940), and concluded with "The Candle in the Wind" (1958). The tetralogy, "The Once and Future King," was published in 1958. Among other works by T. H. White are "Godstone and the Blackymor" (1959), "Farewell Victoria" (1960), and a translation of a medieval "Bestiary" that was published in 1960. While on a Mediterranean cruise, he died aboard ship at Piraeus, Greece, on Jan. 17, 1964.



THE PRODUCER



BILL RACH (Producer)

Mr. Rach was born and raised in Chicago, is a graduate of Georgetown University where he received his introduction to show business by organizing and touring with the college dance band. He has served as public relations director of Georgetown University. The Professional Golfers' Association of America and the Chicago Fair of 1950. While handling public relations for Drury Lane Theatre, he was tremendously attracted to the theatre. In late 1959, he selected the Hillside site for Melody Top, raised all the capital, selected all the shows and talent, and in 1960 opened what was to become the most successful first year in summer musical tent history. This new firm was responsible for Melody Top's unusually successful 1961 season, which, after just two years of operation was the highest grossing summer theatre in the country. (This same group presented Leave It To Jane downtown at the Prudential Building in the Fall of 1961, which received much critical acclaim. Mr. Rach, along with his associates, organized a sister Melody Top in Milwaukee, Wisconsin last summer, which was a tremendous success its first year. This makes the Melody Top organization the largest summer theatre chain operation in the mid-West and plans are under way for theatres in two other cities to be opened within the next two years.

BILLY MATTHEWS (Director)

Mr. Matthews is a native of Austin where he attended the University of Texas and majored in drama. He served his alma mater as an instructor in drama until enlisting in the Air Force during World War II as an Aviation Cadet. By war's end he was a bombardiernavigator. He became one of Broadway's top general stage managers and has captained the backstage activities of such shows as Hope's the Thing, The Teahouse of the August Moon, Dial M for Murder, The Devil's Disciple, Anna Christie, Springboard to Nowhere and Good as Gold. His credits as a director include the touring productions of Judy Holliday's Dream Girl, Donald Woods in Dial M for Murder, the national company of Teahouse, and a long list of stock package presentations such as The Youngest, Primrose Path, The King and I, The Most Happy Fella, etc., etc., a total of over fifty shows. He also directed for major summer theatres at Ivoryton, Conn., Matunuck, R.I., Corning, N.Y., Pittsburgh, Pa., Wallingford, Conn., Warwick, R.I. and Framingham, Mass.



JERRY GOLDBERG (Musical Director)

This is Mr. Goldberg's second season with Melody Top. Last season he conducted Kiss Me Kate, Wildcat, Little Me and Pajama Game. This past winter, he spent several months at the Coconut Grove Playhouse in Florida conducting three productions starring Patricia Morison, Jose Ferrer and Gisele Mac-Kenzie. He also conducted for Jane Morgan during the season. Previous to working Melody Top last year, he was associated with various productions of Carnival. He conducted a thirty week Nationwide tour of the musical, followed by a summer package with Ann Blyth and a third version starring Liza Minnelli. Before this he conducted packages of Bye Bye Birdie with George Gobel and Gypsy with Vivian Blaine. He was Musical Director for the off-Broadway musical Sing Muse. In summer stock he has conducted Gentlemen Prefer Blondes with both Jane Morgan and Marie Wilson, South Pacific with Dorothy Collins, West Side Story, Kismet and many others.

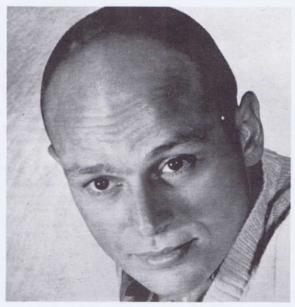
MARC HERTSENS (Choreographer)

Mr. Hertsens was born in Antwerp, Belgium. After studying dance he joined the Royal Flemish Operl and within a year was lead dancer. After military service he continued studying and went to Paris for further work. In 1949, he came to the United States and within two weeks landed a job in Alive and Kicking and understudied Jack Cole, the show's star and choreographer. He then joined the Metropolitan Opera Ballet and after a season there appeared with the Jacob Pillow Ballet for which he also choreographer the new work, La Nuit. He then joined Ballet Theatre and followed with a season of choreography at Tamiment. On television, he spent three years on the Martha Raye Show, was soloist on the Patti Page Show, did tow seasons with Milton Berle and two seasons on Ceasar's Hour plus other shows. He toured with Mata and Hari and choreographed for Screen Gems TV Films, Chita Riviera, Equity Library Theatre and Robert Montgomery Presents. In summer stock, in addition to dancing, he choreographed two ballets for Sacramento Ballet Co., and for the Meadowbrook Dinner Theatre.

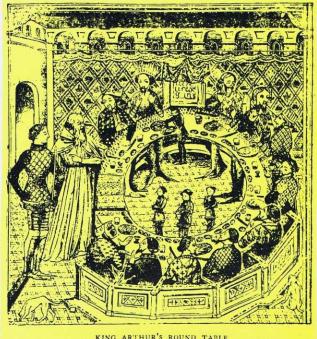
STUART BISHOP (Resident Settings Designer)

Mr. Bishop, one of New York City's finest set designers, was scenic at the following places; St. John Terrell's Music Circus, Lambertville, Charlotte Summer Theatre, Charlotte, N.C., Cincinnati Summer Theatre, Ohio, Lakewood Summer Theatre, Barnesville, Pa., Somerset Summer Theatre, Somerset, Mass., Starlight Summer Theatre, Pawlings, N.Y., Emerson College Summer Theatre, Boston, Mass., Cozenovia Summer Theatre, N.Y., Boston Summer Theatre, Mass. Taught set designing at Rhode Island School of Design, Denison University, Emerson College, Boston and Bradford Jr. College, Haverhill, Mass. Off Broadway he designed the sets for *Toinette*, and *Sweet Miami*.









KING ARTHUR'S ROUND TABLE

The STORY

ho was King Arthur? Did he ever exist? From written evidence there is no proof that he did. Yet there is even less that he didn't. The very survival of his name and fame suggests that he was a real person. The Celtic bards recounted tales of a warrior king who, at the head of a band of mounted knights, won a series of great victories-"twelve great victories in the west"-that stemmed the tide of the Saxon invasion of the north of the British Isles in the sixth century after the fall of Roman authority.

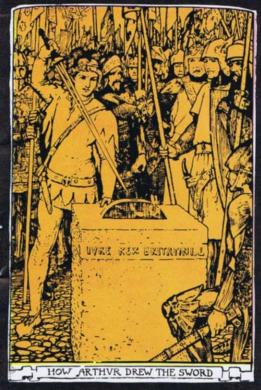
any sources list Arthur as a legendary king, but some give his exact parentage. The Reader's Encyclopedia states that he was the illegitimate son of the Duchess of Cornwall, raised as an orphan in ignorance of his royal origin and educated by the wizard, Merlyn. He made good his inheritance to kingship when he drew the sword Excalibur from the stone, and then proved to be a wise, fearless and excellent ruler who dreamt of creating a utopian state where might would only be exercised in the name of right. To this end he gathered around him the staunchest knights of the land whose vows of honor became the creed of chivalry. But Arthur's dream was shattered through treachery and betrayal, and his death is reputed by some to have taken place at Glastonbury as a result of wounds suffered at the battle of Gamlan in Wales in 537 A.D.

et it is not the historical King Arthur who defeated heathen invaders that lives on so vividly as a symbol of man's noblest character. It is the legendary Arthur, created by poets centuries later out

of the fragmentary memories handed down by word of mouth. As the original Celtic folklore spread, valorous Arthur's victories in battle became magnified in the telling, embroidered with supernatural detail-fairies, giants and goblins, monsters and magicians, enchanted forests and fountains, demon-haunted ruins and forbidding mountain-perched castles.

fter the Norman conquest of England these fairy tales crossed the channel and came to exercise an extraordinary fascination on the French. Wandering troubadours sang them in the stone halls of the nobles, and the heroes underwent a transformation. Arthur and his knights became patterns of the new civilized virtues under the growing influence of Christianity and the new concept of romantic love. These ideals were an immense advance over the brutal barbarism by which battles had been fought and kingdoms gained. Above all there was a new feeling and conduct toward women. Courtesy and constancy to one's lady (it was courtly rather than married love that the troubadours idealized) were virtues now indispensable for admission to Arthur's famous Round Table.

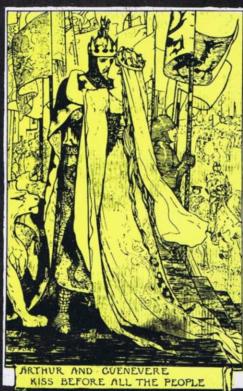
rthur is always introduced as a daring, mischievous yet modest and lovable boy. Even after he had been acknowledged king he continues to go in search of adventure like the humblest knight. The tragic overthrow of his kingdom, brought on by the conduct by Guenevere and Lancelot, and effected by his wrongly begotten son, Mordred, assure that Arthur remains a human being in spite of his perfection.

















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