

REPRESENTATIVE AUTHORS George Chapman (c. 1559–1634) George Chapman was born around 1559 in the town of Hitchin in Hertfordshire, near London. He was the second son of Thomas and Joan Chapman. Chapman's earliest drama, *The Blind Beggar of Alexandria*, was produced in 1596, and he quickly gained a reputation as a talented playwright. During this time, Chapman also wrote plays for the Children of the Chapel, and the company produced Chapman's most famous tragedies: *Bussy D'Ambois* (1604) and two plays on Byron (1608). From 1583 through 1585, he was in the household of Sir Ralph Sadler, although his exact position there is somewhat unclear. Chapman wrote approximately twenty-one plays between 1596 and 1613, but his output was very sporadic. He died on May 12, 1634.