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#### About the Author

François Rabelais serait né en 1494 en Touraine, mais aucune certitude n'établit clairement ses origines. Il se tourne d'abord vers la théologie, puis se rapproche des humanistes et, en 1530, il entreprend des études de médecine à Montpellier. Il est nommé médecin à l'Hôtel-Dieu de Lyon en 1532. Cette même année, Rabelais publie Pantagruel qui connaît un succès immédiat

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