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English naturalist and clergyman who was the author of *The Natural History and Antiquities of Selborne* (1789). In 1752 White began keeping a journal of his observations of his garden in Selborne. He published his first book of observations, *A Calendar of Flora and the Garden,* in 1765 and followed this work with *Naturalist's Journal* (1768). Naturalists and nature lovers praised White for his keen observations and methodical approach and considered his book a true landmark in the progress of English natural history.