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1170?-1220?

German poet who made the first Western reference to the magnetic compass. A Swabian knight as well as epic poet and minnesinger, Hartmann was firmly rooted in the courtly and Arthurian traditions of literature in the High Middle Ages. The work mentioning the compass dates from about 1200.