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British architect and writer who helped establish the resurgence of interest in classic Greek art and architecture through his enormously influential *Antiquities of Athens*, a multi-volume work whose first volume was published in 1762. Stuart's popular volumes introduced Europe to the splendor and uniqueness of Greek art versus "derivative" Roman works, which had been the model of Classicism since the Renaissance. The books signaled the beginning of neoclassicism.