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French historian and poet whose renowned *Chronicles* detail the history of Western Europe from the early 1300s to 1400, supplying valuable contemporary information about medieval life and society, noble courts, and warfare. A scholar and traveler, Froissart ventured to seats of power throughout England, Scotland, France, and Italy, living among Europe's kings, queens, and princes, and studying their history and the chivalry of their courtiers. The ideals of knighthood and the heroic deeds of the time were a part of the romantic accounts in his *Chronicles.*