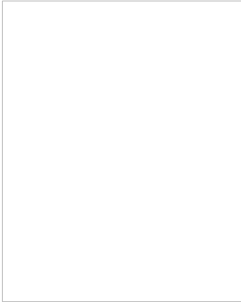


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Best known as a co-founder of Monty Python, Jones got together with the other Pythons in 1969 and wrote and performed *Monty Python's Flying Circus* until 1974. Jones co-directed the film *Monty Python and the Holy Grail* with Terry Gilliam in 1975 and directed *Monty Python's Life of Brian* in 1979 and *Monty Python's Meaning of Life* in 1981, which won the Special Jury Prize at Cannes. He directed *Personal Services* (1987), and in 1989 he wrote and directed *Erik The Viking*, the revised director's cut of which will be released this summer. He wrote, directed and played Toad in *The Wind In The Willows* (1995) which won the Chicago Children's Film Festival and the Wisconsin Children's Film Festival. He also wrote the screenplay for Jim Henson's *Labyrinth*.

He has presented numerous TV documentaries: *The Crusades* (BBC, 1993), *Ancient Inventions* (Discovery, 1997), *Hidden Histories* (Discovery, 2002), and *Medieval Lives* (BBC, 2004), *The Story Of One* (BBC 1, 2004), and most recently *Barbarians!* (BBC 2005). His first children's book *Fairy Tales*, written in 1981, has been translated into six foreign editions and adapted for television and radio. *The Saga of Erik the Viking* won the 1984 Children's Book Award. *Nicobobinus* was awarded a Silver Seal by the Parents' Choice editors; *Fantastic Stories* won the Smarties Prize 1992; His new series of books, *The Knight and the Squire* and *The Lady and the Squire*, was short-listed for the 2002 Whitbread Prize. He is just finishing the third in the series: *The Tyrant & The Squire*.

Jones wrote *Chaucer's Knight* in 1981 and frequently lectures on the late fourteenth century in universities in Britain, Europe and the United States. His most recent book *Who Murdered Chaucer?* was published in 2003 and in paperback in 2004.

A well-known pacifist, Jones has written numerous anti-war editorials for the *Guardian*, the *Daily Telegraph*, and the *Observer*. *Terry Jones's War On The War On Terror* was published in January 2005 by Nation Books in New York.

Jones was born in Colwyn Bay, North Wales, and read English Literature at Oxford University in England.

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