The Scottish Invention of English Literature

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It is not the thesis of The Scottish Invention of English Literature that Scots wrote the foundational or typical texts that constitute English Literature. Nor is it that they were the first to publish criticism of English vernacular literature, although only one of the book's contributors (Linda Ferreira-Buckley) is prepared to point out that Abraham Fraunce, Thomas Blount, and George Puttenham (among others) got there long before the mainly eighteenth-century Scots under scrutiny. The distinguishing feature of these Scots is that they held university posts and that they introduced English Literature into these academies. The titular slogan of the book thus refers only to this narrow, if powerful, academic conception of English Literature.

In the words of its editor, the book ' contests, complicates and in important ways overthrows' the assumption that the subject is a product of mid-to-late nineteenth-century activity in England and 'America' [sic], the proponents of this assumption being named as Chris Baldick,...

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for Penicillin. This antibiotic has, arguably, saved millions of lives since it was first used in 1942. For this reason, many inventions that are British can also be claimed by the Scots. For example, James Watt (A Scot) perfected the steam engine which has had a profound impact on the world. But, there have been plenty of English, Welsh and Irish inventors who have all made their own significant contributions to the world. Boulton and Watt Steam Engine Source: Ariadacapo/Wikimedia Commons. Greatest Scottish Inventions. Here are some of the most influential Scottish inventions in history. Needless to say, this list is not meant to be exhaustive and is in no particular order. The distinction between Scots and Scottish English, which though not always clear in practice, is soundly based on historical facts. Germanic speech was established in what had been an area of Celtic language and culture. The growing complexity of the Scottish linguistic situation, with French and English emerging as functioning languages of the kingdom, can be deduced from official documents of the eleventh, twelfth and thirteenth centuries. Scotland and the Lowland Tongue: Studies in the Language and Literature of Lowland Scotland in honour of David Murison. Aberdeen: Aberdeen University Press. McClure, J. D. (1986).