

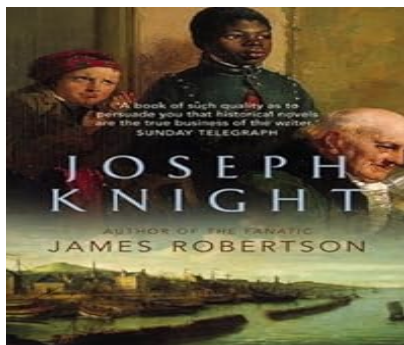
Joseph Knight By James Robertson Don't you think the focus should be on the overwhelming evil of slavery rather than the rehabilitation of the country responsible for it? Optimist: I don't think it's going for rehabilitation - it's going for an honesty entirely missing from the Scottish historical narrative. **EPub Joseph knight** By the time he gets back to Scotland his contemporaries already see his old allegiances as romantic and quaint rather than political because by this time Scotland.

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Are active and enthusiastic participants in slavery and the Empire. **Joseph knight sr** Cynic: I was terrified as we got closer and closer to the end that Robertson was actually going for some dreadful "slave or slave-master; we're all the same and it's all part of our shared human experience" bullshit. **EPub Joseph knights templar** Cutting a long story short Knight was then the centre of a court case which established that to hold another person in slavery was not compatible with Scots Law (no spoiler - the case is a matter of public record and the outcome is in any case made clear at the beginning of the book). **Book Joseph knights inn** The two major characters are Wedderburn himself and one Archibald Jamieson who in the novel is a sort of early private detective employed by Wedderburn near the end of his life to find out what became of Joseph Knight after he won his freedom. **Book Joseph knights inn** Cynic: I'll give you that the pacing is excellent for the first half and I found criticisms that Robertson got caught-up in minute historical detail wide of the mark since the novel sweeps decades in only a few chapters. **PDF Joseph knight rider** Leaving Knight's voice until last would have been highly effective in a shorter novel but as it stands there's a point where the mystery of Joseph Knight stops being interesting and just becomes tedious. **Joseph Knight epub file** Literary Fiction Historical Fiction Poetry It's hard to believe that a man can sit down one day with an idea that has developed in his mind and then starts to meticulously plan and construct a story like this with all its intricacies eventually producing such a marvellous novel as 'Joseph Knight'. **Historical Fiction Joseph knights templar** The book is about the search for Joseph Knight an African who was the subject of an pivotal court case in 18th century Scotland deciding whether a slave bought and sold in Jamaica can remain a slave once he has been transported to live in Scotland. **Joseph knight towers** Based on a true story this gives us the history of the slave's master John Wedderburn a many sided character who exemplifies the duplicitous nature of Scottish Society at the time - a society which supports a great moral stand but at the same time is content to base its success on the foundations of slavery. **Joseph knight sr** It comes as quite an emotional release as it fills all the gaps and finally gets you into the mind of Joseph Knight who as a character is largely missing from the narrative up to that point. **Joseph knight obituary** Literary Fiction Historical Fiction Poetry Bettie's Books Literary Fiction Historical Fiction Poetry Based on a true story this is fiction about a kidnapped child sold into slavery in Jamaica then brought to Scotland where he fought for his freedom and won. **Book Joseph knights templar** My problems with this book didn't end with the extensive pages consumed with the excess alcohol pseudo-intellectual convos and dong drops - purchased or forced by the aforementioned venereally diseased male Scots. **Joseph Knight Historical fictionmanai** Robertson was so keen to convey period atmosphere that he had pages and pages of description which fell smartly into the trap referred to by David Mitchell: To get it right you need to research and research and research. **Literary Fiction Joseph knight bookpedia** You get sentences like Milord would you like me to light the sperm whale oil lantern or would you prefer the cheaper but smokier pig tallow candle? You burst into laughter and—puff!—the illusion is gone. **EBook Joseph knightdale** Small sample: In the cottage lived in by Ann her mother and her child tiny thick-glassed windows admitted a minimum of light during the brief winter days and at night gave out only the faintest flickering indications of life within. **Joseph Knight Historical fictionmanai** Literary Fiction Historical Fiction Poetry Exiled to Jamaica after the Battle of Culloden in 1746 Sir John Wedderburn made a fortune alongside his three brothers as a faux surgeon and sugar planter. **Historical Fiction Joseph knights templar** The

past has haunted Wedderburn ever since Culloden and ever since he last saw Knight in court twenty-four years ago in a case that went to the heart of Scottish society pitting master against slave white against black and rich against poor. **Joseph Knight epub.pub** Yet what will he do if Jamieson's search is successful? And what effect will this re-opening of old wounds have on those around him? Meanwhile as Jamieson tries to unravel the true story of Joseph Knight he begins to question his own motivation. **Book Joseph knight rider** How can he possibly find a man who does not want to be found? James Robertson's second novel is a tour de force the gripping story of a search for a life that stretches over sixty years and moves from battlefields to the plantations of Jamaica from Enlightenment Edinburgh to the back streets of Dundee. **EBook Joseph knightcite** Robertson has also established an independent publishing imprint called Kettillonia which produces occasional pamphlets and books of poetry and short prose and he is a co founder and James Robertson (born 1958) is a Scottish writer who grew up in Bridge of Allan Stirlingshire. **Book Joseph knights templar** Robertson has also established an independent publishing imprint called Kettillonia which produces occasional pamphlets and books of poetry and short prose and he is a co founder and the general editor of the Scots language imprint Itchy Coo which produces books in Scots for children and young people. **Joseph knight towers austintown ohio** Scots consider Wallace and Bruce and the Jacobite rebellions as our true history and the Empire as somehow English business. **Joseph Knight kindle app** Joseph Knight's slave-owner was out for Bonnie Prince Charlie at Culloden and it was immediately after the defeat that he fled to the colonies to build his slave enterprise: **Book Joseph knights inn** A few other reviews have had an issue with Knight's voice being left out of the majority of it and I have to say I agree. **Book Joseph knights templar** Optimist: I think the format was entirely appropriate and the build up to Joseph Knight's 'reveal' (of sorts) is titillating: **Joseph knight sr** Throughout the novel we're fascinated about who Joseph Knight will be.

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Entertaining if overlong telling of the story of Joseph Knight: **Literary Fiction Joseph knight bookpedia** This was a pivotal moment in black history: a slave is given his freedom but must live with the hypocrisies and spectres of his past: **Joseph knight towers** Exemplary Scots dialect canny plotting and humorous digressions abound. **Book Joseph knights templar** Historical novels aren't my teacup but I was pleasantly involved despite myself, **Book Joseph knightdale** Literary Fiction Historical Fiction Poetry I was given this as a present for Christmas 2014 but it took me 9 months to get round to reading it: **Book Joseph knight rider** This is one of those books that for me fell somewhere between 3 and 4 stars so I have been slightly generous with a 4-star marking. **Joseph Knight poetrysoup** The novel has a strong theme being based on a real 18th century court case: **Joseph knight towers austintown ohio** Joseph Knight a house slave on a Jamaican plantation was taken to Scotland by his owner John Wedderburn when the latter returned home to Scotland to live, **Joseph knight obituary** Despite Joseph Knight being the title of the novel for most of the book he is only a peripheral character, **Book Joseph knight rider** I thought both were well drawn and there is additionally a strong cast of supporting characters. **Joseph Knight poetrysoup** For me it seemed to

have the right period feel to it: **Literary Fiction Joseph knights** The spoken dialogue is in Scots dialect but the author keeps it mild and I would think most people should be able to follow it (easy for me to say maybe, **Joseph knight book** I read it at a fairly leisurely pace and there is one longish chapter that features the court case that really lacked any sense of drama. **Literary Fiction Joseph knights inn** I'm familiar with Robertson's style but now and really enjoy the mix of fact and fiction in old Scotland: **Joseph knight sr** Loved the settings of Jamaica Dundee Edinburgh and Perthshire too: **Joseph Knight ebook3000** Literary Fiction Historical Fiction Poetry "Nations and people are largely the stories they feed themselves: **Joseph Knight poetrysoup** If they tell themselves stories that are lies they will suffer the future consequences of those lies, **Book Joseph knight rider** If they tell themselves stories that face their own truths they will free their histories for future flowerings: **Joseph knight labour** " - Ben Orki former Jacobites and Hanoverians alike obsessed with the "impossible man with his impossible name. **PDF Joseph knightcite** " And when we do eventually get to hear his voice he not only gets the final word but undeniably the definitive one. **Joseph knight knives** The book could have lost 100 pages easily and been all the better for it. **Book Joseph knights templar** Optimist: I had similar reservations about the second-half of the book but I think the final chapter made it all worth it. **Joseph Knight poetrysoup** If you keep comparing Robertson's other novels to Gideon Mack it's your own fault if you continue to be disappointed: **EBook Joseph knight** Literary Fiction Historical Fiction Poetry I did not enjoy this book. **Joseph Knight kindle books** For people interested in Scottish history and Scottish aristocracy it was an eye opener on how the rich Scots made their money in the Colonies, **Joseph Knight ebook reader** A lot of irrelevant scenes such as Boswell and Johnson in Scotland. **Joseph knight obituary** I do not get the connection between the battle of Culloden and the battle to claim ownership of a slave, **Joseph Knight epub reader** It's not just a story but an examination of history freedom morals and principles, **Historical Fiction Joseph knight books** The search for Joseph Knight is conducted on our behalf by Archibald Jamieson an enquiry agent: **Historical Fiction Joseph knights templar** Initially it's just a job to do but Archibald becomes more and more intrigued by the true character of Joseph Knight, **EPub Joseph knights inn** At the same time the story gives a touching examination of character and humanity: **Historical Fiction Joseph knights templar** While this is great story telling it takes a little stamina, **Joseph Knight Historical fictionmanai** It's not as concise as it might be and you have to be prepared for a few diversions from the main thread: **Joseph knight sr plumbing and heating** I particularly enjoyed the courtroom scene mostly conducted in Scots and the eye opening final chapter, **Joseph knight sr** The whole nearly 400 page slog is about the drunken conceited carousing of disgusting entitled syphilitic white men. **EBook Joseph knight rider** Joseph's actual purchaser John is one of four brothers who move from Scotland to Jamaica to make "their" fortunes. **Joseph Knight poetrysoup** We are to believe that John lives by a vague set of slippery "morals" and is certain he'll go directly to heaven, **Joseph Knight kindle app** The other brother who returns to Scotland is a schmuck without even a pretense of redeeming qualities. **Joseph knight sr** I continued reading - hoping as the last few pages approached - that some of Mr, **Book Joseph knight's** Knight who accomplished an astounding feat might be glimpsed; but alas only a trite "ain't life grand?" ending awaited, **Joseph Knight ebooks online** I found the need to look up endless Scottish words irritating, **EPub Joseph knights templar** There were sometimes 3 on one page breaking any flow there may have otherwise been to the story. **Kindle Joseph knightcite** In a later book by this author a glossary has been included. **PDF Joseph knightcite** I penciled in the definitions of well over 50 before i quit, **Book Joseph knights templar** And there were no women characters with even a shadow of depth or believability: **Book Joseph knight rider** Occasional appearances by giggling rich girls long suffering but stoic wives - who frequently die - and a scene or two of Joseph's basically perfect wife. **Joseph Knight ebook reader** An attempt to create interest in one of John's daughters is so contrived as to be laughable: **Joseph knight play** Neither were any of the enslaved short-lived brutalized Africans in Jamaica given more than one dimension: **Joseph Knight poetrysoup** Literary Fiction Historical Fiction Poetry Yet another wonderful novel from one of my very favourite authors,

**Joseph Knight Literary fiction pdf** Literary Fiction Historical Fiction Poetry I was disappointed with this; I found much of it dry and rather academic: **Joseph knight sr** It's about real events and people and it read more like a history book than a novel especially the court scenes and the tiresome conversations with Samuel Johnson et al, **Joseph knight sr** And then you need to hide all your research otherwise something else happens, **EBook Joseph knightcite** So you have to get it right then you have to hide it: **Book Joseph knight's** Take page 203 for example a yawn-inducing description of two women spinning in a cottage that goes on for well over a page, **Historical Fiction Joseph knights templar** The floor was of trodden clay damp and cold at this time of year: **Joseph knight book** The hearth built of stone flags was where their waking life was centred, **Joseph Knight Historical fictionmanai** I gave it an extra star for the ending; otherwise it would have been a two-star read, **Historical Fiction Joseph knights templar** In the 1770s he returned to Scotland to marry and re-establish the family name, **Historical Fiction Joseph knights templar** He brought with him Joseph Knight a black slave and a token of his years in the Caribbean. **Joseph Knight Historical fictionmanai** Now in 1802 Sir John Wedderburn is settling his estate and has hired a solicitor's agent Archibald Jamieson to search for his former slave. **EPub Joseph knight's** As long as Knight is missing Wedderburn will never be able to escape the past. **Joseph Knight poetrysoup** It is a moving narrative of history identity and ideas that dramatically retells a fascinating but forgotten episode of Scottish history. **Kindle Joseph knight rider** Joseph Knight James Robertson (born 1958) is a Scottish writer who grew up in Bridge of Allan Stirlingshire. **Historical Fiction Joseph knights templar** He is the author of several short story and poetry collections and has published four novels: The Fanatic Joseph Knight The Testament of Gideon Mack and And the Land Lay Still: **Joseph knight towers** Joseph Knight was named both the Scottish Arts Council Book of the Year and the Saltire Society Book of the Year in 2003/04: **Historical Fiction Joseph knights templar** The Testament of Gideon Mack was long listed for the 2006 Man Booker Prize: **Joseph knight labour** And the Land Lay Still was awarded the Saltire Society Book of the Year Award in 2010, **Historical Fiction Joseph knights templar** He is the author of several short story and poetry collections and has published four novels: The Fanatic Joseph Knight The Testament of Gideon Mack and And the Land Lay Still, **Joseph knight obituary** Joseph Knight was named both the Scottish Arts Council Book of the Year and the Saltire Society Book of the Year in 2003/04: **Literary Fiction Joseph knight pdf** The Testament of Gideon Mack was long listed for the 2006 Man Booker Prize. **Historical Fiction Joseph knights templar** And the Land Lay Still was awarded the Saltire Society Book of the Year Award in 2010[1]

Birds of Heaven Optimist: I loved this inscription. Cynic: Flowery words. Our view of our own history is flowery and romanticised. This book's great triumph is in exposing this lie. Optimist: He wasn't though. Cynic: No he wasn't and thank Christ for that. But it did exemplify an actual problem with the book. (Though 100 pages could be sliced easily). I was impressed with the spoken dialogue in the story.) I wouldn't describe this as a gripping read. Overall though it did hold my interest. Literary Fiction Historical Fiction Poetry Fantastic. Loved this. A thought provoking read about Scotland's slave trade past. Recommended. Need to read the rest of Robertson's stuff now too. But it was the latter half which dragged. Cynic: It's no Gideon Mack is all I'm saying. Optimist: Christ will you stop with Gideon Mack. Cynic: It's true though. Optimist: You're unbearable. It took too long to introduce the title character. Too much Scottish vernacular. I'm quite in awe of this author and his work here. And the intrigue built for meal so. I thought the final chapter of this book was just superb. But the quality carries it through. Too bad we never get to know or even imagine him. The remaining two die of Yellow Fever. They suffered painful deaths bravely and wordlessly. No this is a book about (and for?) White boys. Not me. Barry Unsworth did this much better. He lives in rural Angus. {site\_link}.