G. K. Chesterton

Poet, fiction writer, social philosopher, journalist, and critic G.K. Chesterton was born in London. He attended art school, then began a varied and prolific career by writing art criticism. Chesterton brought a deep engagement with religious and moral concerns to all his work, addressing the social and political events of his day. Refusing to ally himself with either conservative or progressive agendas, Chesterton often engaged in witty public debates with friends George Bernard Shaw and H.G. Wells. Raised in a liberal family, he converted to Catholicism at the age of 48.