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Summary Article: **Sackville-West, V(ictoria Mary)**

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Vita

1892-1962

English poet and novelist

Born in Knole, Kent, she was educated privately, and started writing novels and plays as a child. In 1913 she married the diplomat Harold Nicolson; their marriage survived despite Nicolson's homosexuality and her own long-term affair with Virginia Woolf. Her first published works were a collection of poems, *Poems of West and East* (1917), and a novel, *Heritage* (1919). In her *Orchard and Vineyard* (1921) and her long poem *The Land*, which won the 1927 Hawthornden Prize, she expresses her closeness to the countryside where she lived. Her prose works include the novels *The Edwardians* (1930), *All Passion Spent* (1931) and *No Signposts in the Sea* (1961), an account of her family in *Knole and the Sackvilles* (1947) and studies of Andrew Marvell and Joan of Arc. *Passenger to Teheran* (1926) records her years in Persia with her husband, and she was the model for Woolf's *Orlando* (1928). She was a passionate gardener at her home at Sissinghurst in Kent (now owned by the National Trust), and wrote a weekly gardening column for *The Observer* for many years.

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