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## INTRODUCTION.

THE AUTHOR of the perennial *Robinson Crusoe* was born in London, England, in 1661. His father was a butcher, who educated his son for the ministry, among the dissenters, but could never persuade him to pursue that vocation.

He was remarkable for the versatility of his mind, and for his wonderful fertility of invention, and was a very voluminous writer, there being



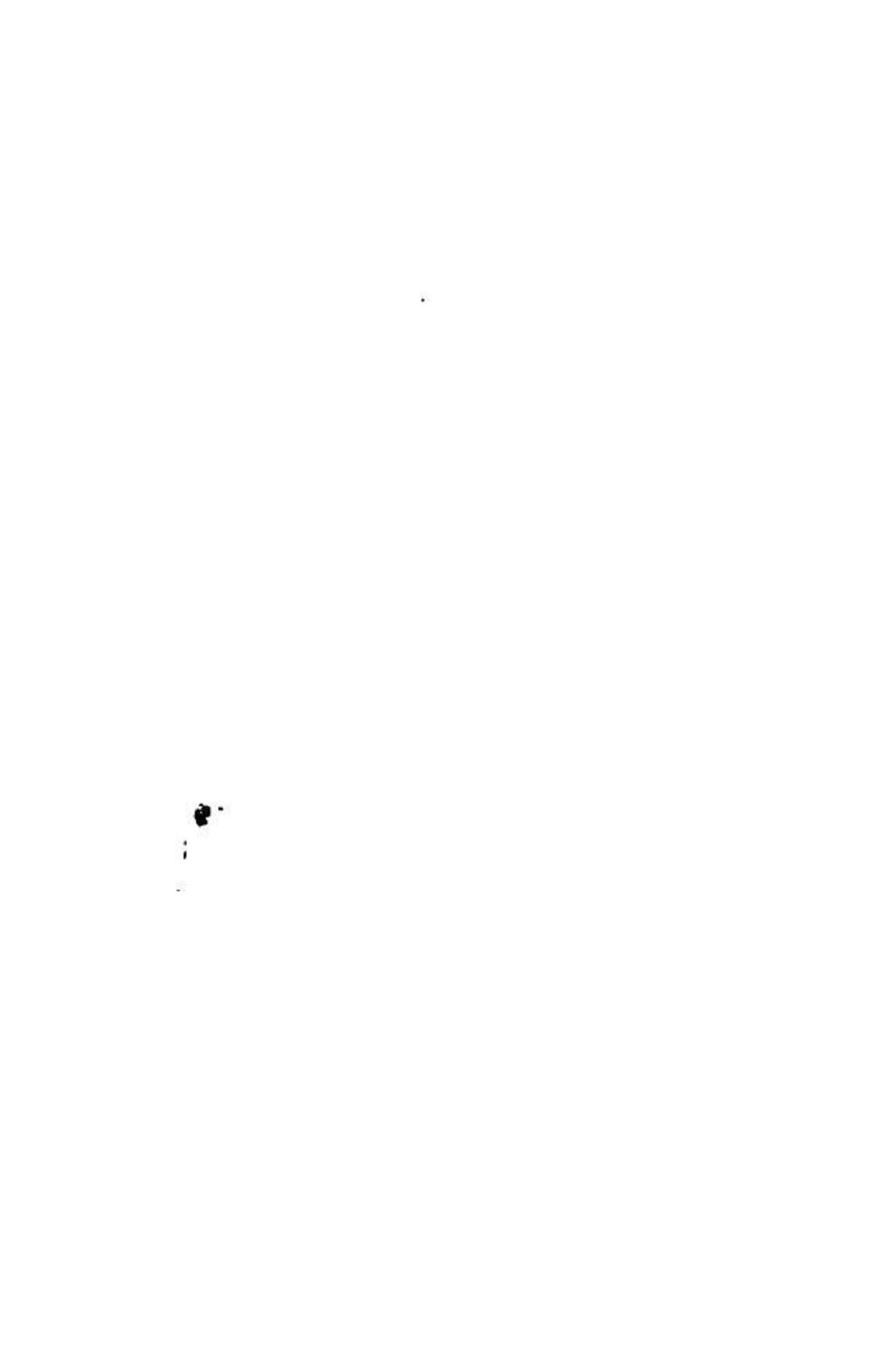
about two hundred and ten of his works extant, which, though chiefly fictitious, produced a lively impression of truth and reality.

His political works exposed him to much suffering and pecuniary loss, which he summed up in this couplet :

"No man has tasted differing fortunes more ;  
And thirteen times have I been rich and poor."

Sir Walter Scott says : "Perhaps there exists no work in the English language which has been more generally read and more universally admired than the *Adventures of Robinson Crusoe*."

The illustrations by Walter Paget fit the text excellently well. The story will no doubt find a wide circulation, having been adapted to meet the tastes of the youngest readers.





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