

Even writers have praised the Loire River!

Honoré de Balzac

Honoré de Balzac is a major writer. He was born in Tours on May 20th 1799 and died on August 18th 1850 in Paris. Literary critic, journalist, essayist, playwright and editor at the same time, his most famous works, *The Lily of the Valley*, *Old Goriot* or even *The Magic skin*, take place, for some chapters, in the Loire Valley and the river he was so fond of.

Marcel Proust

Marcel Proust is a French writer, born in Paris on July 10th 1871. He died on November 18th 1922. His main work, *In search of lost time (Remembrance of Things Past)*, published between 1913 and 1927 in several volumes, takes place in the Loire Valley, Beauce and Sologne, and more precisely the town of Illiers (Eure-et-Loir) and along the banks of Loir, which he named Combray but the city had its name changed to Illiers-Combray after his death as a tribute to him.

Maurice Genevoix

Maurice Genevoix was born in Decize (Nièvre) on November 29th 1890 and died in Spain on September 8th 1980. He was first a writer, then a poet, a naturalist of Sologne and Orleans forest, of which he was particularly fond.



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