

Caxton's Preface

Pages xiii-xv

Vinaver ends the preface not including the summarization of the whole book as Caxton did.

I.Iii.34-35

'Desmays you not,' said the kyng, 'bet telle me the throuthe, and I shall love you the better, by the feythe of my body!'

I.Ix.7-13

And so the tyme drove on and all thynges redy ipurveyed. Thes two noble kynges were entirde the londe and comyn ovir the see with three hondred knyghtes full well arrayed both for the pees and also for the were. And so royally they were resceyved and brought towarde the cite of London. And so Arthure mette them ten myle oute of London, and there was grete joy made as couthe be thought.

I.I.xxi.39-44

Than Ulphuns seyde unto Merlion, 'Ye ar more to blame than he queene.' 'Sir, well I wrote I bare a chylde be my lorde kyng Uther, but I wote never where he ys becom.' Than the kyng toke Merlion by the honed seyng thys wordis: 'Ys this my modir?'

I.I.xxvii.

No explicit

I.II.iii.38-39

'And iff hit may happe me to wynne hym, than woll kyng Arthur be my good frende.'

I.II.iv.18

'she shall nat sey nay!'

I.I.ix.12

Than Merlion bade hem ryse and make hem redy: 'for here commyth the kyng nughehonde, that was stoolyn away frome his oste with a three score horsis of hys beste knyghtes, and twenty of them rode tofore the lorde to warne the Lady de Vaunce that the kyng was commynge.' For that nyght kyng Royns sholde have lyen with hir.

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Pages 3-7

Caxton says on page 6: "And for to understand briefly the content of this volume, I have divided it into twenty-one books, and every book chaptered as hereafter shall by God's grace follow." For the next page, Caxton briefly describes the twenty-one books.

I.iii., p. 13

'Dismay you not,' said the king, but tell me the truth, and I shall love you the better, by the faith of my body.'

I.x., p. 27

Then the king let purvey for a great feast, and let cry a great jousts. And by All Hollowmass the two kings were come over the sea with three hundred knights well arrayed both for the peace and for the war. And King Arthur met with them ten mile out of London, and there was great joy as could be made.

I.xxi., p. 49

And there Ulfius said to the queen, 'Merlin is more to blame than ye.' 'Well I wot,' said the queen, 'I bare a chile by my lord King Uther, but I wot not where he is become.' Then Merlin took the king by the hand, saying, 'This is your mother.'

*I.xxvii., p. 59**Explicit Liber Primus**II.iii.,p.65*

';and if it may hap me to win him, then will King Arthur be my good and gracious lord.'

II.iv.,p. 66

'Say not so,' said they.

II.ix.p.73

Then Merlin bad them rise, and make them ready, for the king was nigh them, that was stolen away from his host with a three score horse of his best knights, and twenty of them rode tofore to warn the Lady de Vance that the king was coming, for that night King Rience should also have lain with her.

1.II.xix.8-12

THUS ENDITH THE TALE OF BALYN AND
BALAN, TWO BRETHIRNE THAT WERE
BORNE IN NORTHUMBIRLONDE, THAT
WERE TWO PASSYNGE GOOD KNYGHTES
AS EVER WERE IN THO DAYES.
EXPLICIT.

1.III.v.13-14

HERE BEGYNNITH THE FYRST BATAYLE
THAT EVER SUR GAWAYNE DED AFTER
HE WAS MADE KNYGHT.

1.III.viii.43-44

AND THUS ENDITH THE ADVENTURE OF
SIR GAYAYNE THAT HE DUD AT THE
MARIAGE OF ARTHURE.

1.IV.xxix.6-15

HERE ENDYTH THIS TALE, AS THE
FREYNSHE BOOKE SEYTH, FRO THE
MARYAGE OF KYNGE UTHUR UNTO
KYNG ARTHURE THAT REGNED AFTIR
HYM AND DED MANY BATAYLES. AND
THIS BOOKE ENDYTH WHEREAS SIR
LAUNCELOT AND SIR TRYSTRAMS COM
TO COURTE. WHO THAT WOLL MAKE
ONY MORE LETTE HYM SEKE OTHER
BOOKIS OF KYNGE ARTHURE OR OF SIR
LAUNCELOT OR SIR TRYSTRAMS; FOR
THIS WAS DRAWN BY A KNYGHT
PRESONER, SIR THOMAS MALLEORRE,
THST GOD SENDE HYM GOOD RECOVER.
AMEN. EXPLICIT.

2.I.xii.18-23

HERE ENDYTH THE TALE OF THE NOBLE
KYNGE ARTHURE THAT WAS
EMPEROURE HYMSELF THOROW
DYGNYTE OF HIS HONDYS. AND HERE
FOLOWYTH AFFTIR MANY NOBLE TALYS
OF SIR LAUNCELOT DE LAKE. EXPLYCIT
THE NOBLE TALE BETWYXT KYNGE
ARTHURE AND LUCIUS THE EMPEROUR
OF ROME.

*II.xix.p.91**Sequitir iii. liber*

III.v-vi.p.99
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III.viii.p.104

And thus endeth the adventure of Sir Gawain
that he did at the marriage of King Arthur.
Amen.

IV.xxix.p.166

Explicit Liber Quartus. Incipit Liber Quintas.

V.xxii.p.193

Thus endeth the fifth book of the conquest that
King Arthur had against Lucius the Emperor of
Rome, and here followeth the sixth book, which
is of Sir Launcelot du Lake.