

Gene, meet Geoffrey. Oh, you already know each other.

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William Ansley — 14 Apr 2001, 00:35

I have just finished listening to a series of taped lectures called The Life and Writings of Geoffrey Chaucer *. Somewhere in this series, the lecturer talks about how Chaucer inserts himself as a character, the narrator, in The Canterbury Tales. He questions how much we should believe the narrator and says, "Chaucer may be the first unreliable narrator in English literature." This gave me quite a start.

Well, well. Wolfe has an even longer and more distinguished literary legacy than I realized.

William Ansley

*These lectures were given by Professor Seth Lerer and published by The Teaching Company <<http://www.teachco.com/>>. I thought they were quite good, but I had a humanities deprived education. I don't know how much they would have to offer to someone who had already taken a course on Chaucer.