Romanticism: A Very Short Introduction

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Romanticism: A Very Short Introduction explores the definition of the word ‘Romantic’ and considers its origins. What is Romanticism? Who were the Romantics? and What did they have in common? The ideas, beliefs, commitments and tastes of the Romantics are explored. The birth and growth of Romanticism throughout Europe and the Americas is described, and the various expressions of Romanticism in literature, music, painting, religion, and philosophy are surveyed. This VSI looks at the ‘Sensibility’ movement, which preceded Romanticism; the importance of poets to the movement; Romanticism as a religious trend; Romantic philosophy and science; Romantic responses to the French Revolution; and Romanticism and the condition of women.