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Biographie de l'auteur John Keats was born in October 1795. In October 1816 he met Leigh Hunt, whose *Examiner* had already published Keats's first poem. Only seven months later *Poems* (1817) appeared. The extraordinary speed with which Keats matured is evident from his letters. In 1818 he had worked on the powerful epic fragment *Hyperion*, and in 1819 he wrote 'The Eve of St Agnes', 'La Belle Dame sans Merci', the major odes, *Lamia*, and the deeply exploratory *Fall of Hyperion*. Keats was already unwell when preparing the 1820 volume for the press; by the time it appeared in July he was desperately ill. He died in Rome in 1821. Edited with an introduction and notes by John Barnard.