

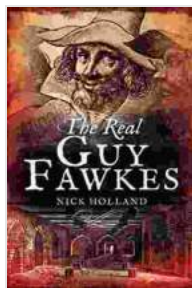
# Guy Fawkes: The Real Man Behind the Mask

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Guy Fawkes is one of the most infamous historical figures in England. He is best known for his role in the Gunpowder Plot, a failed attempt to blow up the Houses of Parliament in 1605. However, there is much more to Fawkes than his involvement in this plot. In this article, we will explore the real Guy Fawkes, from his early life to his execution.

## Early Life

Guy Fawkes was born in York, England, in 1570. He was the son of a Protestant lawyer. Fawkes was raised in a Catholic household, and he converted to Catholicism in his early teens. In 1591, he left England to fight for the Spanish army against the Protestant Dutch. Fawkes served in the Spanish army for many years, and he became a skilled soldier.



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## The Gunpowder Plot

In 1603, James I, a Protestant, became king of England. Fawkes was unhappy with James's policies, which discriminated against Catholics. In 1604, he joined a group of Catholic conspirators who were planning to blow up the Houses of Parliament and kill the king. The plotters planned to place 36 barrels of gunpowder under the Parliament building. Fawkes was tasked with guarding the gunpowder and setting it off on the day of the plot.

## **The Plot is Discovered**

On November 4, 1605, a letter was sent to Lord Monteagle warning him of the plot. Monteagle gave the letter to the authorities, and the plot was discovered. Fawkes was arrested on November 5 while guarding the gunpowder. He was tortured and executed on January 31, 1606.

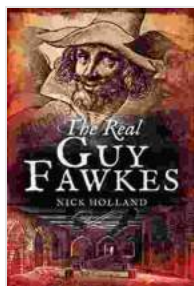
## **Legacy**

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