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Robin Hood has a lot of stories but none of them would be complete without his merry men.

Some of his merry men were: Little John, Maid Marian, Will Stutely, Tricket (Robin's Dog.), Allan-a-Dale, Richard the Lionheart, LITTLE JOHN: Little John was Robin Hood's right hand man. He was almost as good at archery as Robin Hood. Almost. Although his name says otherwise, Little John was actually very tall, he was strong and intelligent.

Like Robin Hood, Little John had a number of different names. There is a poem that was supposed to have been written by Little John: "Thre tymes Litell John shet aboute, And alwey he slet the wande; The proude sherif of Notingham By the markes can stande. The sherif swore a full greate othe: 'By hym that dyede on a tre, This man is the best archere That ever yet saw we.'" Excuse the spelling mistakes I have taken the poem from the net" reading the poem correctly would say that Little John was actually a better archer than Robin Hood himself. MAID MARIAN: Maid Marian was Robin Hood's love and sweetheart.

The facts about her are great as well. It is said that Robin Hood fell in love with her but then others say that he rescued her later on in life. Some stories say that Marian was fantastic with her swords, and others that she was a weak maid or even a pagan priestess. But now people usually believe that women have always been as good as men in any skill. This is not true however because women were not allowed in the military, especially in the middle ages. Their fighting role came out only when men called for it, like when they had to defend the castles.

Anyway the important case is that Robin Hood and Maid Marian were madly in love. The way they felt is illustrated in this reading below: "Robin Hood lay happily with his head in Maid Marian's lap. She sat between the roots of the lime tree, clad in a one-piece smock of green girded with a quiver of arrows, and her feet and arms were bare. She had let down the brown shining waterfall of her hair, which was usually kept braided in pig tails for convenience in hunting and cookery, and with the falling waves of this she framed his head. She was singing a duet with him softly, and tickling the end of his nose with the fine hairs..." Those two characters were the main characters in the story! Robin Hood was a legend in many ways.

It is said that he was also existent in the 13th century and the 14th century. It is also said that Robin Hood was actually a number of different. Some people that investigated the whole Robin Hood story discovered that he actually never lived in Nottingham or Sherwood forest but in Barnsdale in Yorkshire. Yorkshire is about 30 miles away from Sherwood forest and Nottingham. Robin Hood's name was given to a lot of outlaws that day and age. So if you were put in prison you automatically marked as Robin Hood. I don't know about them but I would have loved to be named after someone so skilful and caring and great at what he does! In actual fact when the stories say that Robin Hood fought on behalf of King Edward it was not basically true.

You see King Edward (I, II, III) was way after that time, to make the stories true King Richard would have been the king. If it was King Edward Robin Hood would have been in the year 1272 to 1377 placing him before 1190. Some people think that his name was forged from robber and hoodlum. In those days thieves were called Robertesmen.

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