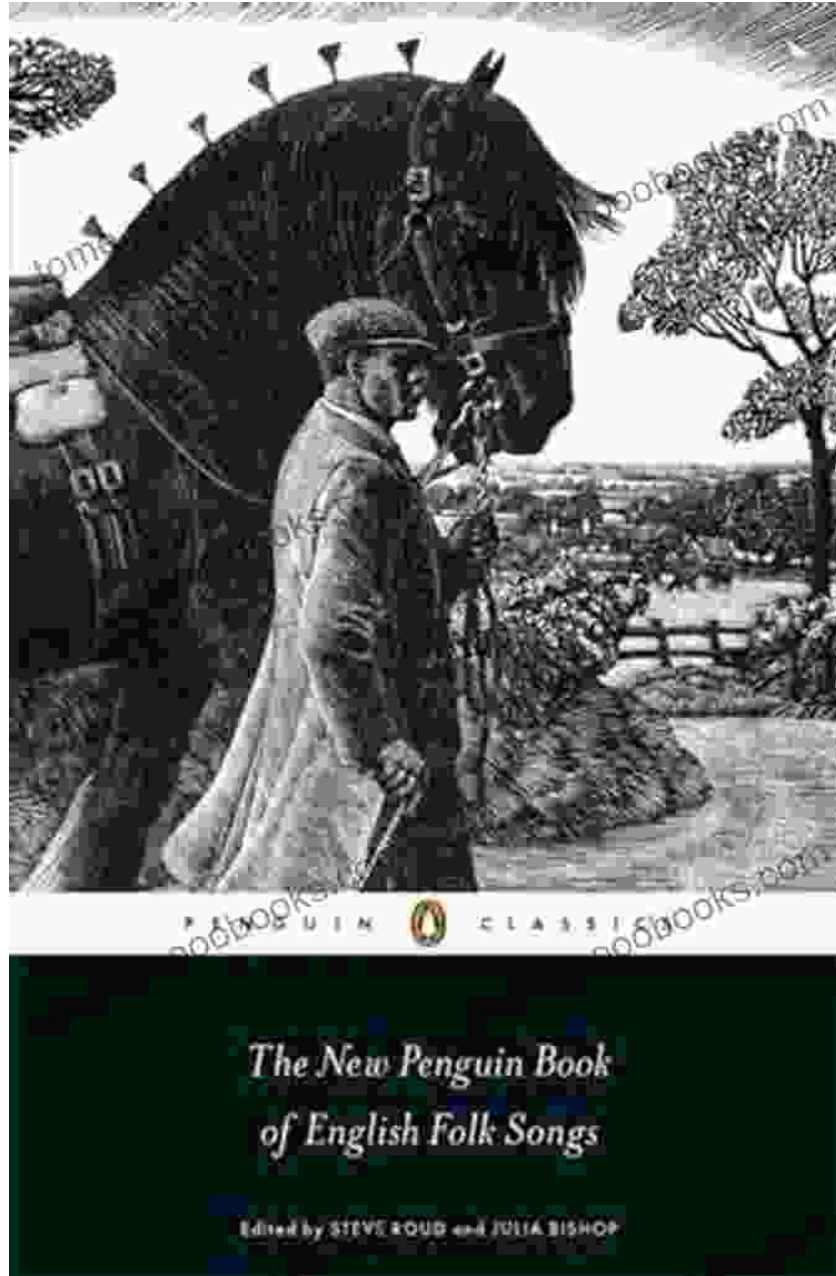


# The Penguin of English Song: A Journey Through the History of British Ballads



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historian Steve Roud, the book traces the evolution of these traditional songs from their earliest origins to their modern-day incarnations.

Roud's approach is both scholarly and accessible, making the book an ideal resource for both academics and general readers interested in the history of music, folklore, and balladry.



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The earliest British ballads date back to the Middle Ages, and they have been a popular form of entertainment ever since. Ballads were originally passed down orally from generation to generation, and they often reflected the social and political events of the day.

In the 16th and 17th centuries, ballads began to be printed and sold, and they reached a wider audience. This led to the development of new genres

of ballads, such as broadside ballads and street ballads.

In the 19th century, ballads began to be collected and studied by folklorists. This led to a revival of interest in balladry, and many traditional ballads were recorded and preserved.

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