

Sir Walter Scott (1771-1832) was a Scottish novelist. He is the father of the historical novel. "Kenilworth" is a historical novel. It was published in 1821. It combines history and romance. The title refers to Kenilworth Castle in Kenilworth, Warwickshire. The novel is set during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I (1558 -1603), precisely, in 1575. The novel is the story of the secret marriage of Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester, with Amy Robsart, the daughter of Sir Hugh Robsart.

**Major Characters in the novel:**

Robert Dudley – Earl of Leicester

Thomas Ratcliffe - Earl of Sussex

Sir Walter Raleigh – Earl of Sussex’s supporter

Richard Varney – Robert Dudley’s Assistant

Amy Robsart – Daughter of Sir Hugh Robsart

Edmund Tressilian – Amy Robsart’s former lover

Wayland Smith – Tressilian’s Servant

Giles Gossing – Host of the Black Bear Inn

Michael Lambourne – Nephew of Giles Gossing

Janet Foster – Daughter of Anthony Foster (Amy’s servant)

Anthony Foster – Robert Dudley’s head-servant