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The following index has been designed not only as a guide to the present work but also as a mini-biographical dictionary. After each name in the index, the subject's birth and death years appear in parentheses. In addition, people are identified by the roles for which they are best known to literary history. Since most names listed are associated with Virginia, they are not otherwise identified by locale, but those figures not associated with Virginia are identified by locale, be it colony or nation. Titles of literary works are listed beneath the author's name. For book-length works, dates of publication are provided in parentheses. Many literary works are also listed separately, with the author identified in parentheses after the title. Though predominantly a list of names and titles, this index does contain subject entries for literary genres as well as cities, counties, rivers, and towns in Virginia.

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