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James Fenimore Cooper was born in Burlington, New Jersey, on September 15, 1800. His father was a lawyer and politician, and his mother was a writer. Cooper was educated at Princeton University, where he studied law. In 1822, he was admitted to the New York bar, but he did not practice law and instead turned to writing. Cooper's first book was "The Spy," published in 1822. His most famous novel is "The Last of the Mohicans," published in 1826. Cooper's writing style was influenced by the Romantic movement of the 19th century, and his work often focused on the themes of nature, heroism, and the conflict between civilization and wilderness. Cooper's works were popular in his lifetime and continue to be read and studied today. Cooper is considered one of the fathers of American literature.