

LIFE  
OF  
CAPTAIN JAMES COOK.

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**T**HIS celebrated navigator was the son of a day-labourer, and born at Marton, a village in Yorkshire, Nov. 3. 1728. At the age of thirteen he was put to a school, where he learnt writing and arithmetic; after which he was bound apprentice to a shop-keeper at Snaith, but on discovering an inclination for the sea, his master gave up his indentures, and he articulated himself for three years to a ship-owner at Whitby. After serving out his time diligently, he entered in 1755 on board the *Eagle* sixty gun ship; and in 1759 he obtained a warrant as master of the *Mercury*, in which ship he was present at the taking of Quebec, where he made a complete draught of the channel and river of St. Laurence, which chart was published. Mr. Cook was next appointed to the Northumberland, then employed in the recapture of Newfoundland; and there also he made a survey of the harbour and coasts. At the latter end of 1762 he returned to England, and married a young