



John Florio's apology of translation

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John Florio (1553-1625) was a great figure in English literature, and a contemporary of Shakespeare. Son of an Italian Protestant exiled in England, he introduced and diffused the great Italian literature in England. He translated Montaigne's *Essais* into English and wrote an important introduction that is presented here in the original English together with the very first translation into Italian.