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Chronology of their life. 1785. Jacob Ludwig Carl Grimm is born January 4, 1785, in Hanau, Germany, son of Philipp Wilhelm Grimm (a lawyer and court official) and his wife Dorothea Grimm, née Zimmer. This set gathers together a representative sampling of stories, jokes, personal narratives, morality tales, puns, and legends that have been culled from an international array of classic folktale collections. CHAPTER IV THE HISTORY OF FAIRY TALES. The gods of ancient mythology were changed into the demi-gods and heroes of ancient poetry, and these demi-gods again became, at a later age, the principal characters of our nursery tales.-- MAX MULLER Brothers Grimm, German Brüder Grimm, German folklorists and linguists best known for their Kinder- und Hausmärchen (1812–22; also called Grimm's Fairy Tales), which led to the birth of the modern study of folklore.