Introduction
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The introduction provides a brief background on the Liverpool born author, as well as explaining how he became interested in the topic. It also indicates some similarities, while acknowledging the differences, between similar variants of sectarianism, specifically in Northern Ireland and in the west of Scotland, highlighting the Irish lineage of all three areas. Most importantly, the introduction offers a relatively substantial definition of the term sectarianism, something too often neglected by academics and politicians, alike; before offering a more specific delineation Liverpool’s own brand of sectarian antagonism.