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Guide to the

**V. L. commonplace book of poetry**

1818-1831

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## Summary

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## Key Terms

### Genre/Physical Characteristic

Commonplace books