

# William Shakespeare

BORN AND DIED ON THE SAME DAY

**APRIL 23**

**34 PLAYS**

10 TRAGEDIES, 7 HISTORIES, 17 COMEDIES

**154**

**SONNETS**

CREATED OVER **1,380** CHARACTERS

HE HAD A SON NAMED **HAMNET** (AND THAT'S NOT A TYPO)

WAS HAMLET A **MOTOR MOUTH?**  
ABOUT **1/3** OF THE PLAY'S LINES ARE SPOKEN BY HIM

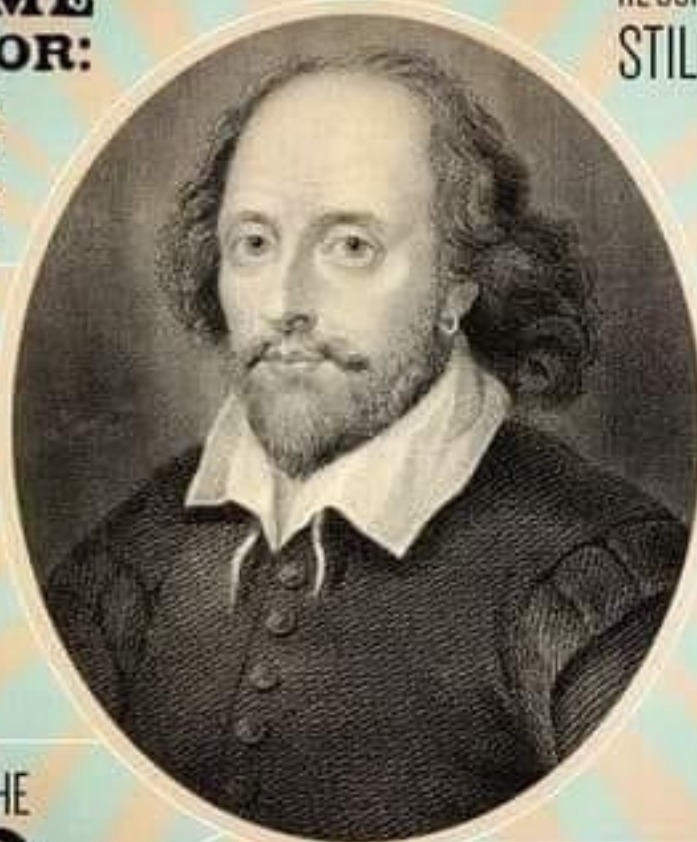


SOME **BELIEVE** HE DIDN'T  
ACTUALLY AUTHOR ALL OF HIS WORK

## NEW NAME GENERATOR:

HE'S CREDITED WITH INVENTING  
MANY FIRST NAMES THAT ARE  
STILL POPULAR TODAY, INCLUDING  
JESSICA, MIRANDA AND OLIVIA

**HIS EPITAPH  
WARNS VANDALS  
AND GRAVE ROBBERS  
TO STAY AWAY:**  
"BLESSED BE THE MAN  
THAT SPARES  
THESE STONES / AND  
**CURSED**  
BE HE THAT MOVES  
MY BONES"



HE COINED MANY EXPRESSIONS  
STILL IN USE TODAY:

**KNOCK, KNOCK!  
WHO'S THERE?**  
(MACBETH)

**ALL'S WELL  
THAT ENDS WELL**  
(TITLE OF ONE OF HIS PLAYS)

**LOVE IS BLIND**  
(THE MERCHANT OF VENICE)

**GOOD RIDDANCE!**  
(TROIUS AND CRESSIDA)

IN THE ORIGINAL PLAY,  
**JULIET**  
WAS PLAYED  
BY A MAN,  
BECAUSE WOMEN WEREN'T  
PERMITTED TO ACT

SHAKESPEARE IS THE  
**THIRD**  
MOST TRANSLATED AUTHOR  
IN THE WORLD  
(OVER **4,400** TRANSLATIONS)



PLAYS WITH THE MOST DEATHS:  
**MACBETH (10 DEATHS)** AND  
**TITUS ANDRONICUS (14 DEATHS)**

SHAKESPEARE'S PLAYS  
CONTAIN OVER 20  
**DIFFERENT**  
WAYS TO DIE:

**POISONING,  
DECAPITATION,  
SNAKE BITE, HANGING,  
DROWNING...**

PLUS, BEING EATEN  
**IN A PIE**  
AND DEVoured BY A  
**BEAR**

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