

William Shakespear.



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English poet and
playwright. Pesy
Shakespeare have
been translated
into all major
languages and
placed more
frequently than
the works of other
playwrights.



There is great conjecture about Shakespeare's childhood years, especially regarding his education. In addition, Shakespeare's first biographer, Nicholas Rowe, wrote that John Shakespeare had placed William "for some time in a free school." John Shakespeare, as a Stratford official, would have been granted a waiver of tuition for his son.



It is estimated that Shakespeare arrived in London around 1588 and began to establish himself as an actor and playwright. Evidently, Shakespeare garnered envy early on for his talent, as related by the critical attack of Robert Greene, a London playwright, in 1592: "...an upstart crow, beautified with our feathers, that with his Tiger's heart wrapped in a player's hide, supposes he is as well able to bombast out a blank verse as the best of you: and being an absolute Johannes fac totum, is in his own conceit the only Shake-scene in a country."

William Shakespeare wrote his will in 1611, bequeathing his properties to his daughter Susanna . To his surviving daughter Judith, he left 300, and to his wife Anne left "my second best bed."

William Shakespeare allegedly died on his birthday, April 23, 1616. This is probably more of a romantic myth than reality, but Shakespeare was interred at Holy Trinity in Stratford on April 25. In 1623, two working companions of Shakespeare from the Lord Chamberlain's Men, John Heminges and Henry Condell, printed the First Folio edition of his collected plays, of which half were previously unpublished.

Even in death, he leaves a
final piece of verse as his
epitaph:

Good friend, for Jesus'
sake forbear
To dig the dust enclosed
here.

Blessed be the man that
spares these stones,
And cursed be he that
moves my bones.

Thank you for attention!

