



A famous English poet and playwright - William Shakespeare was born in 1564 in a small English city Stratford-upon-Avon.



Shakespeare's birthplace in Henley Street.



This is the classroom where Shakespeare was educated.



Anne Hathaway's  
cottage where she  
was born and  
lived until she  
married  
Shakespeare in  
1582. They had  
three children.

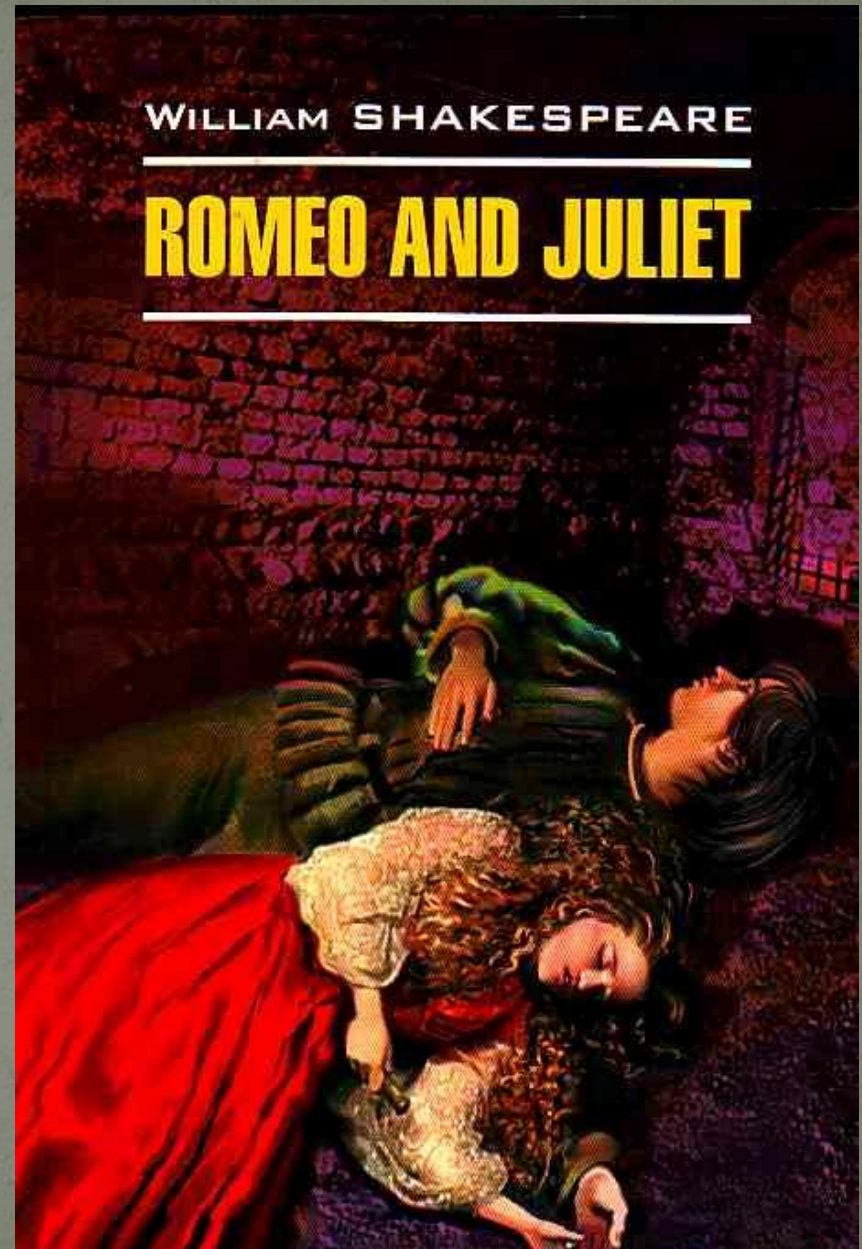


In 1587 Shakespeare went to work in London, where he began to act and to write plays and soon became an important member of a well-known acting company. Most of his plays were performed in the new Globe Theatre built on the bank on the River Thames.

Shakespeare wrote more than 37 plays, 154 sonnets, two long poems and a great number of other poems.

The main genres of Shakespeare's works were tragedies and comedies.

His most famous works include such plays as "Romeo and Juliet", "Hamlet", "King Lear", "Othello", and many others.





This is the Holy Trinity Church where Shakespeare was buried. He died on his birthday, 23 April, 1616.



The bronze statue of Shakespeare, presented to Stratford by Lord Ronald Sutherland Gower in 1888. Shakespeare's figure is high above the ground and on the ground there are small figures of Shakespeare's famous characters.