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William Shakespeare



lived 26 April 1564 – died 23 April 1616

William Shakespeare was born in Stratford-upon-Avon in Warwickshire. He was baptised in the church of St Mary's Church, Stratford-upon-Avon, on 26 April 1564.

In his early school years he studied Latin, English, French and Italian. At the age of 14 he married a woman called Anne Hathaway, the daughter of a farmer. A year after they were married they had a daughter together and then had two sons in 1585. Very little is known about Shakespeare's activities from 1585 to 1592. During this period he went to London where he began a successful career as a playwright and actor. In his 20s he wrote his plays, his sonnets and many poems. Today he is still popular and his plays are still performed.

Shakespeare's most famous plays include *Hamlet*, *Macbeth*, *Romeo and Juliet* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

Shakespeare retired to Stratford in the years before his death. He died on 23 April 1616 and was buried in the church of St Mary's Church, Stratford-upon-Avon.

The play *Twelfth Night* by Shakespeare is written below.

Old spelling

Good morrow to you, sister, welcome.
 To what place are you bound?
 Bound for my husband's house, that's all,
 And I will be for all my company.

Modern spelling

"Good morrow to you, sister, welcome!"
 "To what place are you bound?"
 "Bound for the man that's my husband!"
 "And I will be for all my company!"