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## William Shakespeare



lived 26 April 1564 – died 23 April 1616

William Shakespeare was born in Stratford-upon-Avon in Warwickshire, England, when he was born but the record of Stratford's holy Trinity Church say he was baptised on 26 April 1564.

In his early school years he studied music, religion, literature and Latin. At the age of 18 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 – 1592. During this period he went to London where he began a successful career as a writer and actor. In his 28th year he wrote his plays, his sonnets and many poems. Today he is still popular with many audiences of all generations.

Shakespeare used to write a play with his partners, named, Thomas and John and called Swan

Shakespeare retired to Stratford a few years before his death. He died on 23 April 1616 and was buried at the holy Trinity Church two days after his death.

The English writer Sir Christopher Marlowe is another famous

### Old spelling

- \*Cressid instead for cressid with heresid
- \*To play the chier encheued here
- \*Remond for the man that rears these horses
- \*And thus for he that rears my horses

### Modern spelling

- \*Cressid changed for cressid with heresid
- \*To play the chief encheued here
- \*Remond for the man that rears these horses
- \*And thus for he who rears my horses