

# WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE - AN ILLUSTRATED BIOGRAPHY

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WILLIAM IS BORN.

APRIL 23, 1564

WILLIAM ATTENDS GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

1571-1578

WILLIAM MARRIES ANNE HATHAWAY AND STARTS A FAMILY.

WILLIAM MOVES TO LONDON AND BEGINS HIS THEATRICAL CAREER.

1582-1585

WILLIAM'S FIRST PLAYS ARE A SUCCESS.

1585

WILLIAM WRITES POETRY WHILE LONDON THEATRES ARE CLOSED DUE TO AN OUTBREAK OF THE PLAGUE.

1589-1591

WILLIAM BECOMES A FOUNDING MEMBER OF THE LORD CHAMBERLAIN'S MEN ACTING COMPANY.

1593-1594

WILLIAM'S ONLY SON, HAMNET, DIES AT THE AGE OF ELEVEN.

1594

WILLIAM'S ACTING COMPANY BUILDS THE FAMOUS GLOBE THEATER.

1596

1599

WILLIAM'S ACTING COMPANY CHANGES THEIR NAME TO THE KING'S MEN.

1600-1606

WILLIAM'S WRITES HIS MOST FAMOUS TRAGEDIES.

1603

1609-1611

WILLIAM WRITES HIS FINAL PLAYS AS A SOLO PLAYWRIGHT.

1612

WILLIAM MOVES BACK TO HIS BIRTHPLACE, STRATFORD-UPON-AVON.

APRIL 23, 1616

EXACTLY 52 YEARS AFTER HIS BIRTH!

WILLIAM DIES.

1623

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