

April 23rd

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William Shakespeare's



450th Birthday

Facts about Shakespeare:

He was born and died on the same date - April 23rd.

His parents John + Mary Arden Shakespeare were illiterate.

He was 18 years of age when he married Anne Hathaway.

He wrote 37 plays and 154 sonnets.

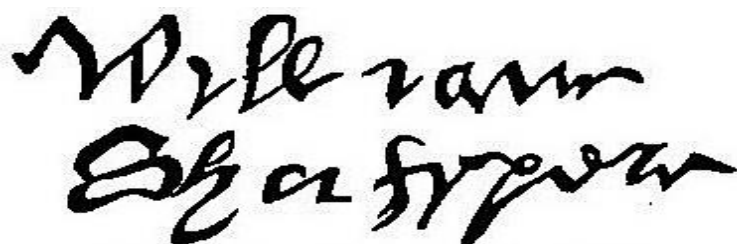
He never published any of his plays himself.

As well as writing his plays, he often acted in them too.

He was left-handed.

Unlike most artists of his time, he died a wealthy man.

Shakespeare has been credited with introducing 3000 words to the English language.



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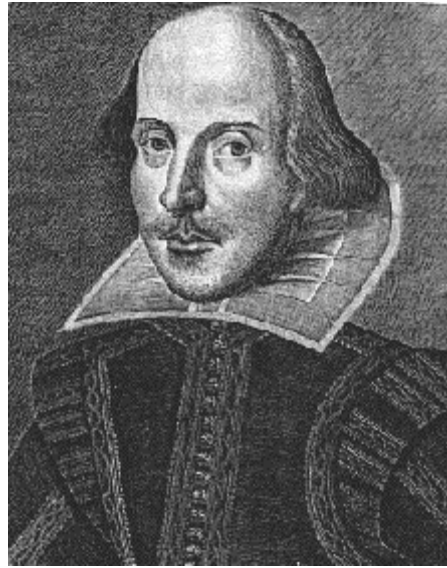
Well known phrases from Shakespeare:

- All our yesterdays (*Macbeth*)
- All's well that ends well (*title*)
- Bated breath (*The Merchant of Venice*)
- Bag and baggage (*As You Like It / Winter's Tale*)
- Bear a charmed life (*Macbeth*)
- Be-all and the end-all (*Macbeth*)
- Beggar all description (*Antony and Cleopatra*)
- Neither a borrower nor a lender be (*Hamlet*)
- Brave new world (*The Tempest*)
- Break the ice (*The Taming of the Shrew*)
- Breathed his last (*3 Henry VI*)
- Refuse to budge an inch (*Measure for Measure*)
- Cold comfort (*The Taming of the Shrew*)
- Dead as a doornail (*2 Henry VI*)
- A dish fit for the gods (*Julius Caesar*)
- The dogs of war (*Julius Caesar*)
- Devil incarnate (*Titus Andronicus / Henry V*)
- Eaten out of house and home (*2 Henry IV*)
- Elbow room (*King John*)
- Faint hearted (*1 Henry VI*)
- Fancy-free (*Midsummer Night's Dream*)
- Fight till the last gasp (*1 Henry VI*)
- Flaming youth (*Hamlet*)
- Forever and a day (*As You Like It*)
- For goodness' sake (*Henry VIII*)
- Foregone conclusion (*Othello*)
- Full circle (*King Lear*)
- The game is afoot (*1 Henry IV*)
- The game is up (*Cymbeline*)
- Give the devil his due (*1 Henry IV*)
- Good riddance (*Troilus and Cressida*)
- It was Greek to me (*Julius Caesar*)
- Heart of gold (*Henry V*)
- 'Tis high time (*The Comedy of Errors*)

- Hoist with his own petard (*Hamlet*)
- Improbable fiction (*Twelfth Night*)
- In a pickle (*The Tempest*)
- In my heart of hearts (*Hamlet*)
- In my mind's eye (*Hamlet*)
- Infinite space (*Hamlet*)
- In my book of memory (*1 Henry VI*)
- It is but so-so (*As You Like It*)
- It smells to heaven (*Hamlet*)
- Itching palm (*Julius Caesar*)
- Kill with kindness (*Taming of the Shrew*)
- Killing frost (*Henry VIII*)
- Knit brow (*The Rape of Lucrece*)
- Knock knock! Who's there? (*Macbeth*)
- Laid on with a trowel (*As You Like It*)
- Laughing stock (*The Merry Wives of Windsor*)
- Lean and hungry look (*Julius Caesar*)
- Lie low (*Much Ado about Nothing*)
- Live long day (*Julius Caesar*)
- Love is blind (*Merchant of Venice*)
- Melted into thin air (*The Tempest*)
- Milk of human kindness (*Macbeth*)
- Ministering angel (*Hamlet*)
- More in sorrow than in anger (*Hamlet*)
- More sinned against than sinning (*King Lear*)
- Much Ado About Nothing (*title*)
- Murder most foul (*Hamlet*)
- Naked truth (*Love's Labours Lost*)
- Neither rhyme nor reason (*As You Like It*)
- Not slept one wink (*Cymbeline*)
- Once more into the breach (*Henry V*)
- One fell swoop (*Macbeth*)
- Time is out of joint (*Hamlet*)
- Out of the jaws of death (*Twelfth Night*)
- Own flesh and blood (*Hamlet*)
- Star-crossed lovers (*Romeo and Juliet*)

- What's past is prologue (*The Tempest*)
- [What] a piece of work [is man] (*Hamlet*)
- Pitched battle (*Taming of the Shrew*)
- Play fast and loose (*King John*)
- Pomp and circumstance (*Othello*)
- Pound of flesh (*The Merchant of Venice*)
- Primrose path (*Hamlet*)
- Salad days (*Antony and Cleopatra*)
- Sea change (*The Tempest*)
- Seen better days (*As You Like It*)
- Send packing (*1 Henry IV*)
- Make short shrift (*Richard III*)
- Sick at heart (*Hamlet*)
- Snail paced (*Troilus and Cressida*)
- A sorry sight (*Macbeth*)
- Sound and fury (*Macbeth*)
- Spotless reputation (*Richard II*)
- Stony hearted (*1 Henry IV*)
- Sweets to the sweet (*Hamlet*)
- Set my teeth on edge (*1 Henry IV*)
- Tell truth and shame the devil (*1 Henry IV*)
- Thereby hangs a tale (*Othello*)
- There's no such thing (*Macbeth*)
- There's the rub (*Hamlet*)
- This mortal coil (*Hamlet*)
- To thine own self be true (*Hamlet*)
- Too much of a good thing (*As You Like It*)
- Tower of strength (*Richard III*)
- Trippingly on the tongue (*Hamlet*)
- Truth will out (*The Merchant of Venice*)
- Wear my heart upon my sleeve (*Othello*)
- What's done is done (*Macbeth*)
- What the dickens (*The Merry Wives of Windsor*)
- Wild-goose chase (*Romeo and Juliet*)
- Witching time of night (*Hamlet*)

William Shakespeare 1564-1616



William Shakespeare is considered by many to be one of the greatest English poets and playwrights of all time.

In addition to being an actor, he wrote 37 plays and 154 sonnets.

He was born on April 23rd in 1564 in Stratford upon Avon. Many of his plays were performed at the famous original Globe Theatre in London.

