

## *William Shakespeare and his works.*

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England's most talented and well known poet and dramatist was born on April 23, 1564, at Stratford-upon-Avon, located in the centre of England. His father, John, was a glove-maker and wool dealer involved with money lending. His mother Mary Arden was the daughter of a Farmer. William was the third out of eight children whom all died young. His father became Mayor in 1568, after serving on the town council for many years.

His first play he wrote was in 1593, it was called *Venus and Adonis*. He probably wrote his 154 sonnets during this time as well. They were published later on in 1609.

Some of his plays were: *Love's Labor's Lost*, and *Romeo and Juliet*, *Richard II*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *King John*, *The Merchant of Venice*, *Henry IV*, *Much Ado About Nothing*, *Henry V*, *Julius Caesar*, *As You Like It*, and *Twelfth Night*, *Hamlet*, *Othello*, *King Lear*, *Macbeth*, *Antony and Cleopatra*.

One of the best tragedy is *Othello*. The story *Othello* is one of Shakespeare's more intricate works. The basic plot is one a man betrayed by those who are supposed to be close to him but turn out to truly be vipers in wait to strike. I suggest that *Othello's* tragic flaws are the very things that make him a renowned fighter, leader, and man.

The next my favorite tragedy is *Hamlet*. *Hamlet* made a strong impression on me. *Hamlet* touches the eternal questions that are relevant in our time.

*Hamlet's* world was bleak and cold. He thought no one or anything could be trusted. By *Hamlet* thinking this he made the woman he loved, *Ophelia*, go crazy. *Hamlet* couldn't even trust his mother, the queen, because she had married his uncle right after his father's death. *Hamlet* never got over his father's death and would walk around the castle every morning, which drove the new King mad.

Shakespeare's play "*Hamlet*" was, and still is, the most popular out of all his plays. It wasn't so much a tragedy as it was also in a way a mystery. It would raise Questions from the audience or readers about the ghost: was it good or bad? Is *Hamlet* really crazy or is he still just acting? Why does *Hamlet* take so long to kill the King? These questions never really get answered. It all depends on the person, and how they decipher the play.

To sum up, I want to say that Shakespeare was an author that wrote beautiful and romantic plays. William Shakespeare was a man who looked for romance in all the possible ways. Shakespeare's plays were full of many strong emotions and full of romance even though the lovers in his plays ended up with a tragic ending. That's why millions of people love to read Shakespeare's books.