

William Shakespeare

1564 - 1616

- When Shakespeare was twenty-one, he went to London. He became an actor and a member of a very successful acting company. He began to write plays too. In his works Shakespeare described the most important and dramatic events in life. His plays were staged in many theatres, translated into many languages and they made Shakespeare a very popular man.



In 1997, Shakespeare's Globe was restored.



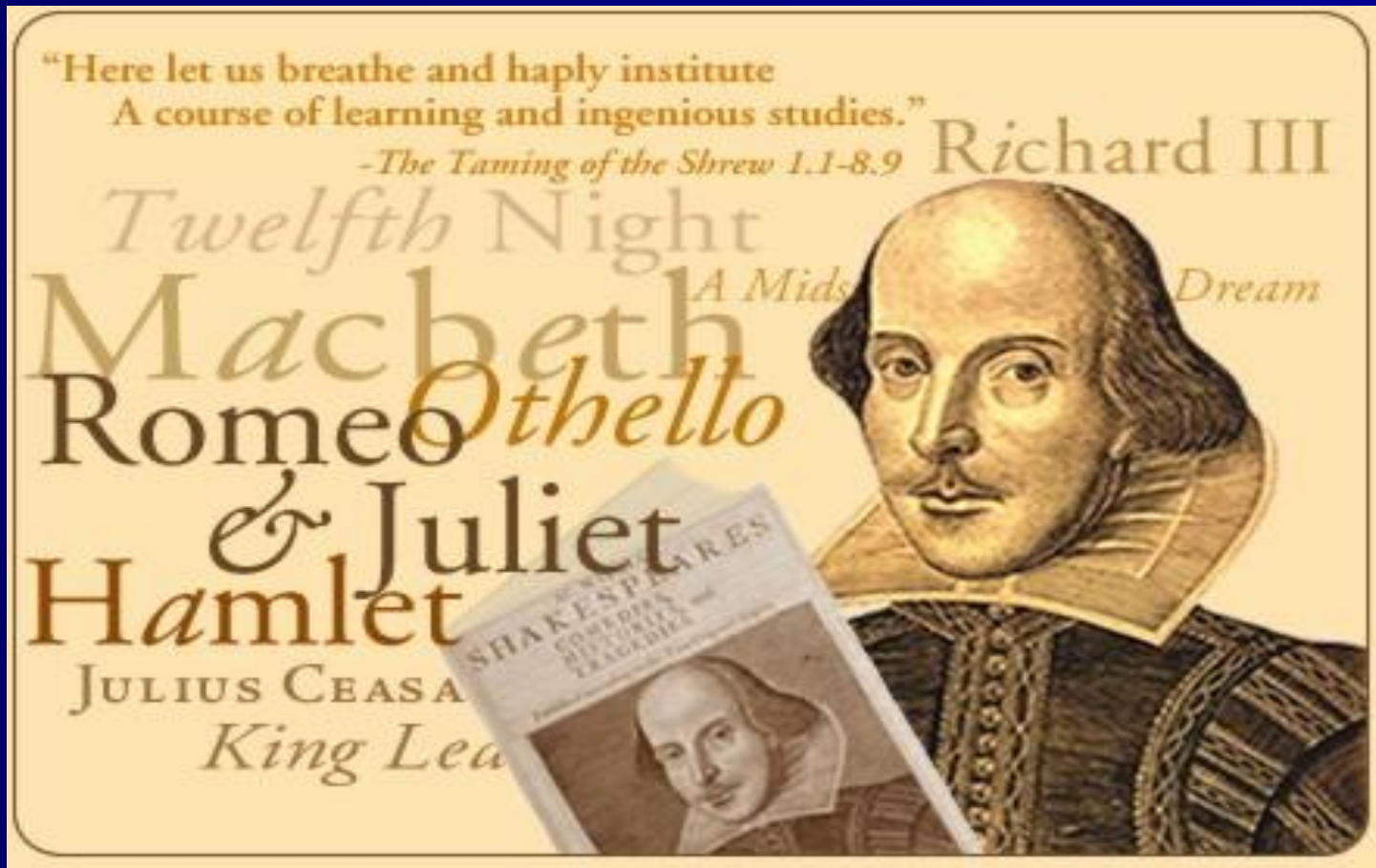
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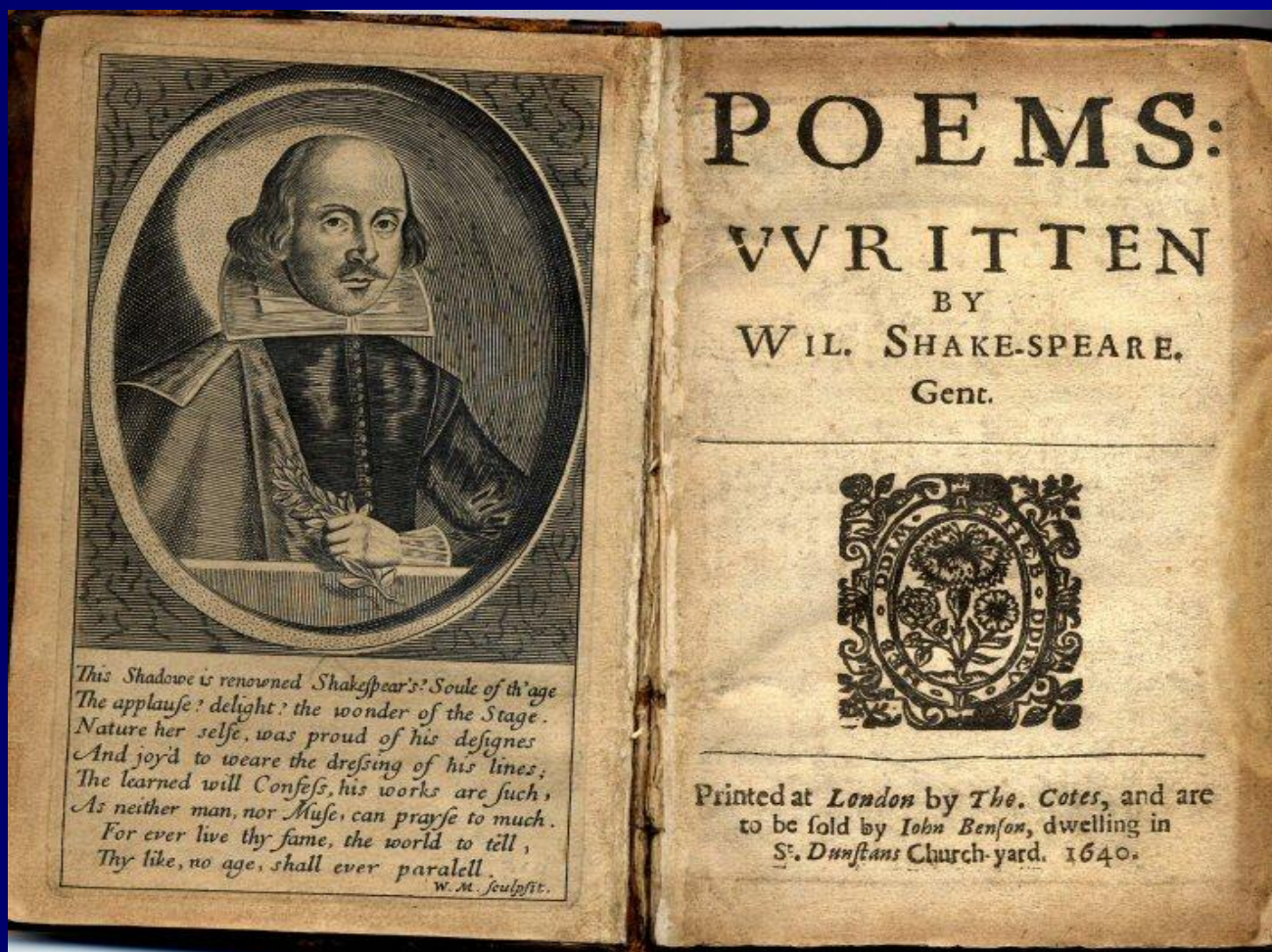
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- Shakespeare wrote 37 plays: 10 tragedies (such as **Hamlet, King Lear, Othello, Macbeth, Romeo and Juliet**), 17 comedies (such as **As You Like It, Twelfth Night, Much Ado About Nothing**), 10 historical plays (such as **Henry IV, Richard III.**)



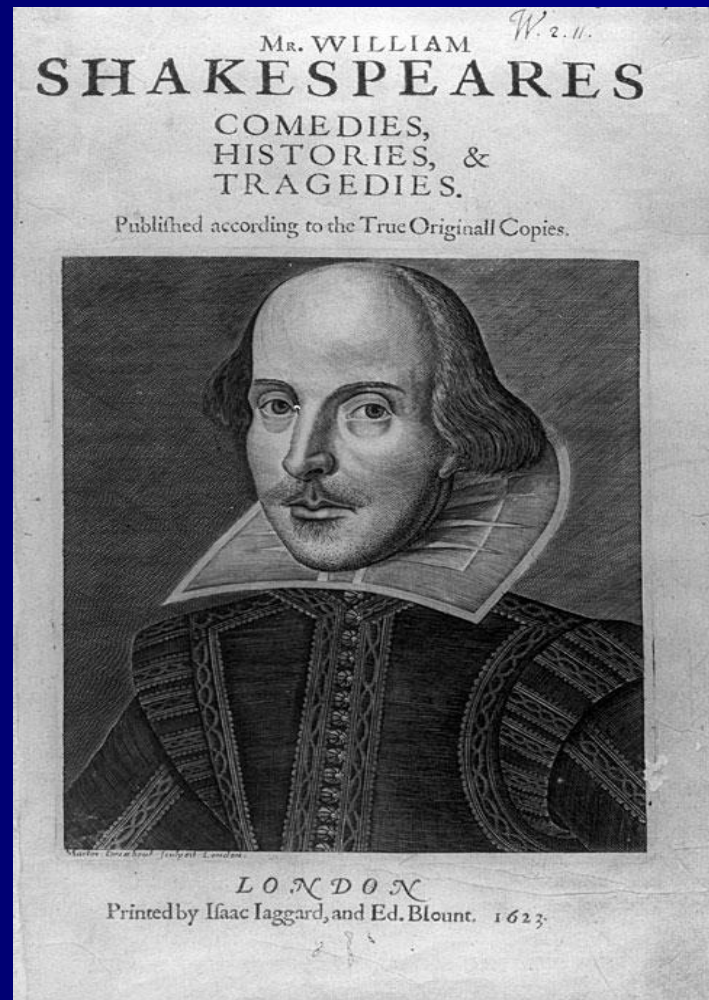
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- He also left 7 books of poems. His 154 sonnets are known all over the world nowadays.



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- We don't know a lot of facts about Shakespeare's. We can only guess what kind of man he was, that's why there are many legends about his life.



- Shakespeare spent the last years of his life at Stratford, where he died, ironically, on the same date as his birthday, the 23d of April, 1616. He was buried in the church of Stratford. A monument was erected to the memory of the great playwright in the Poet's Corner in Westminster Abbey.

