

# SHAKESPEARE'S IDIOMS



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“ALL WORLD’S A STAGE,  
AND ALL THE MEN AND WOMEN  
MERELY PLAYERS:  
THEY HAVE THEIR EXITS AND  
ENTRANCES;  
AND ONE MAN IN HIS TIME PLAYS  
MANY PARTS...”

*(AS YOU LIKE IT ACT II, SCENE 7)*

# William Shakespeare

BORN AND DIED ON THE SAME DAY  
**APRIL 23**

**34 PLAYS**  
10 TRAGEDIES, 7 HISTORIES, 17 COMEDIES

**154 SONNETS**

CREATED OVER **1,380** CHARACTERS

HE HAD A SON NAMED **HAMNET** (AND THAT'S NOT A TYPO)

WAS HAMLET A **MOTOR MOUTH**?  
ABOUT **1/3** OF THE PLAY'S LINES ARE SPOKEN BY HIM

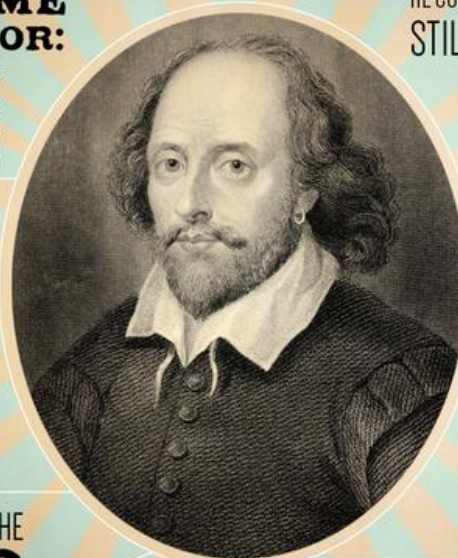


SOME **BELIEVE** HE DIDN'T  
ACTUALLY AUTHOR ALL OF HIS WORK

## NEW NAME GENERATOR:

HE'S CREDITED WITH INVENTING  
MANY FIRST NAMES THAT ARE  
STILL POPULAR TODAY, INCLUDING  
JESSICA, MIRANDA AND OLIVIA

**HIS EPITAPH**  
WARNS VANDALS  
AND GRAVE ROBBERS  
TO STAY AWAY:  
"BLESSED BE THE MAN  
THAT SPARES  
THESE STONES / AND  
**CURSED**  
BE HE THAT MOVES  
MY BONES"



HE COINED MANY EXPRESSIONS  
STILL IN USE TODAY:

**KNOCK, KNOCK!**  
**WHO'S THERE?**  
(MACBETH)

**ALL'S WELL**  
**THAT ENDS WELL**  
(TITLE OF ONE OF HIS PLAYS)

**LOVE IS BLIND**  
(THE MERCHANT OF VENICE)

**GOOD RIDDANCE!**  
(TROILUS AND CRESSIDA)

IN THE ORIGINAL PLAY,  
**JULIET**  
WAS PLAYED  
BY A MAN,  
BECAUSE WOMEN WEREN'T  
PERMITTED TO ACT

SHAKESPEARE IS THE  
**THIRD**  
MOST TRANSLATED AUTHOR  
IN THE WORLD  
(OVER **4,400** TRANSLATIONS)



PLAYS WITH THE MOST DEATHS:  
MACBETH (**10 DEATHS**) AND  
TITUS ANDRONICUS (**14 DEATHS**)

SHAKESPEARE'S PLAYS  
CONTAIN OVER **20**  
**DIFFERENT**  
WAYS TO DIE:

**POISONING,**  
**DECAPITATION,**  
SNAKE BITE, HANGING,  
**DROWNING...**

PLUS, BEING EATEN  
**IN A PIE**  
AND DEVoured BY A  
**BEAR**

# NIGHT OWL

MEANING: A PERSON LIKES TO STAY UP LATE AT NIGHT



# BREAK THE ICE

MEANING: TO BE THE FIRST ONE TO SAY OR TO DO SMTH



# AT A SNAIL'S PACE

MEANING: VERY SLOWLY



# LIE LOW

MEANING: HIDE SO THAT YOU WILL NOT BE FOUND



# SEND SOMEONE PACKING

MEANING: TELL SOMEONE TO DO AWAY

