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## AUTHOR NOTES

Tradition asserts that William Shakespeare was born on 23 April 1564, St George's Day. The eldest son of a prosperous glove-maker in Stratford-upon-Avon, he was probably educated at the town's grammar school. Tradition further holds that between 1585 and 1592, Shakespeare first became a schoolteacher and then set off for London. By 1594 he was a leading member of the Lord Chamberlain's Men, helping to direct their business affairs, as well as being a playwright and actor. In 1598 he became a part-owner of the company, which was the most distinguished of its age. However, he maintained his contacts with Stratford, and his family seem to have remained there. From about 1610 he seems to have grown increasingly involved in the town's affairs, suggesting a withdrawal from his life in London. He died on 23 April 1616, on his 52nd birthday, and was buried at Holy Trinity Church on the 25<sup>th</sup> April.

### *William Shakespeare*

1. Henry VI Part II (1590-1591)
2. Henry VI Part III (1590-1591)
3. Henry VI Part I (1591-1592)
4. Richard III (1592-1593)
5. The Comedy of Errors (1592-1593)
6. Titus Andronicus (1593-1594)
7. The Taming of the Shrew (1593-1594)
8. The Two Gentlemen of Verona (1594-1595)
9. Love's Labour's Lost (1594-1595)
10. Romeo and Juliet (1594-1595)
11. Richard II (1595-1596)
12. A Midsummer Night's Dream (1595-1596)
13. King John (1596-1597)
14. The Merchant of Venice (1596-1597)
- 15. Henry IV Part I (1597-1598)**
16. Henry IV Part II (1597-1598)
17. Much Ado About Nothing (1598-1599)
18. Henry V (1598-1599)
19. Julius Caesar (1599-1600)
20. As You Like It (1599-1600)
21. Twelfth Night (1599-1600)
22. Hamlet (1600-1601)
23. The Merry Wives of Windsor (1600-1601)
24. Troilus and Cressida (1601-1602)
25. All's Well That Ends Well (1602-1603)

26. Measure for Measure (1604-1605)
27. Othello (1604-1605)
28. King Lear (1605-1606)
29. Macbeth (1605-1606)
30. Antony and Cleopatra (1606-1607)
31. Coriolanus (1607-1608)
32. Timon of Athens (1607-1608)
33. Pericles (1608-1609)
34. Cymbeline (1609-1610)
35. The Winter's Tale (1610-1611)
36. The Tempest (1611-1612)
37. Henry VIII (1612-1613)
38. The Two Noble Kinsmen (1612-1613)

All dates are approximate

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