

Shakespeare Conspiracy

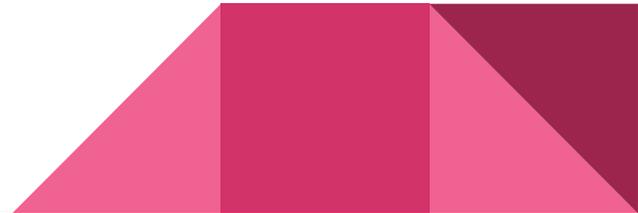
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Christopher Marlowe

- ❖ A famous english playwright.
 - ❖ Marlowe died as a result of a drunken fight, however there are many theories around death.
 - ❖ Many believe that marlowe faked his death and continued to wright under the name of Shakespeare.
 - ❖ People believe that Marlowe could of been Shakespeare because their writing styles and form were very similar.
 - ❖ Their lives were very similar. They were born the same year, both were writers, knew the same people, lived and frequently interacted in London, and both visited the same places.
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Sir Francis Bacon

- ❖ A famous philosopher.
- ❖ Delia Bacon believed that Sir Francis Bacon wrote Shakespeare's plays in collaboration with other learning minds of the time, like Sir Walter Raleigh and Edmund Spenser.
- ❖ The reason that Sir Francis Bacon and his learned cabal wanted to conceal their own identities was the so-called "stigma of print".
- ❖ Being a playwright would be an ignominious career-end for aristocratic politicians.



Theories

- ❖ In 1848 the American Joseph C Hart wrote a book putting forward the argument that the plays were written by several different authors.
- ❖ Edward de Vere, the 17th Earl of Oxford was also the Lord Great Chamberlain of England and a courtier poet. Some believe there are references in the plays to de Vere's life and that there are a series of codes in the writing that implicate the Earl as the author.
- ❖ It is also thought possible that Sir Francis Bacon, writer of New Atlantis, essayist and scientist, could have penned the plays.
- ❖ The playwright Christopher Marlowe was writing at the same time as Shakespeare and it's likely that the two crossed paths. The theory goes that the reports of Marlowe's death in a drunken brawl on May 30 1593 were falsified to protect him from going to prison for being an atheist.

Origins of Plays / Controversy

- ❖ Arthur Brooke- 1562 poem The Tragical History of Romeus and Juliet influenced Romeo and Juliet.
 - ❖ Saxo Grammaticus- 1200 AD Gesta Danorum (legend of amleth) influenced Hamlet. Hamlet is a anagram of Amleth.
 - ❖ Raphael Holinshed- Shakespeare's main source for historical plays in England, Ireland, and Scotland. Used in Henry IV V V1 VIII, Richard II III, King Lear, Macbeth, and Cymbeline.
 - ❖ Controversy- Shakespeare's influence from others has caused controversy within society, even today. Some believe he wrote his own plays however others do not believe that is true. Stratfordians are people who believe Shakespeare wrote his own plays.
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