



## **WANTED: WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE**

### **WHO**

William Shakespeare

- born around April 23, 1564 in Stratford-upon-Avon, England
- son of John Shakespeare, glove maker and town councillor, and Mary

### **OCCUPATION**

- **actor:** known for playing funny parts and ghosts
- **playwright:** 38 plays to his name, some written together with other writers
- 10 tragedies, including *Hamlet*, *Macbeth*, *Romeo and Juliet*, *King Lear* and *Othello*
- 18 comedies, including *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *The Taming of the Shrew*, *Much Ado About Nothing*
- 10 history plays, including *Henry V* and *Richard III*
- **poet:** 154 sonnets, 2 longer narrative poems called *Venus and Adonis*, and *The Rape of Lucrece*, several other shorter poems

### **APPEARANCE**

- blue eyes, or perhaps brown eyes
- bearded, or perhaps not
- thinning hair
- likes ruffs
- earring in the left ear, or perhaps not

### **LAST SEEN**

23rd of April 1616, Holy Trinity Church, Stratford-upon-Avon

### **KNOWN FOR**

- powerful and beautiful speeches
- boys dressed as girls pretending to be boys
- action-packed plays full of violence
- dirty humour