



# THE SHAKESPEARE ENIGMA

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**H**ow could the son of a glovemaker and wool dealer from a small English town become the most famous dramatist of all times? Why do we know next to nothing about the years between Shakespeare's youth in Stratford and his sudden appearance in the London theater world at the age of 30? And why are there no surviving manuscripts in his hand? These are some of the riddles at the heart of "The Shakespeare Enigma."

With so much ambiguity obscuring the life and works of William Shakespeare, it is no wonder that generations of scholars have been drawn into the authorship debate. This film attempts to retrace the Bard's path, along which he presumably learned his craft – or met the talented playwright to whom he later lent his name. The most talented of all was Christopher Marlowe, the greatest dramatist of his day – and a secret agent of Queen Elizabeth I.

Shakespeare appeared on the scene shortly after Marlowe's alleged murder. However, a long-lost document suggests that Marlowe went underground and penned the works published under Shakespeare's name. But there are further mysteries, such as the lack of a paper-trail and the fact that the Bard's

monument in Stratford's Holy Trinity church first portrayed him clutching a bag of wool before changing it to show him holding a pen...

Through detailed re-enactments shot on original sites, the film paints an authoritative portrait of the golden age of Elizabethan theater. Lavish court ceremonies with scores of elegantly dressed actors alternate with stage performances and atmospheric scenes of everyday life in town and country. "The Shakespeare Enigma" is the first major documentary devoted to the in-depth exploration of this controversial literary topic.

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