

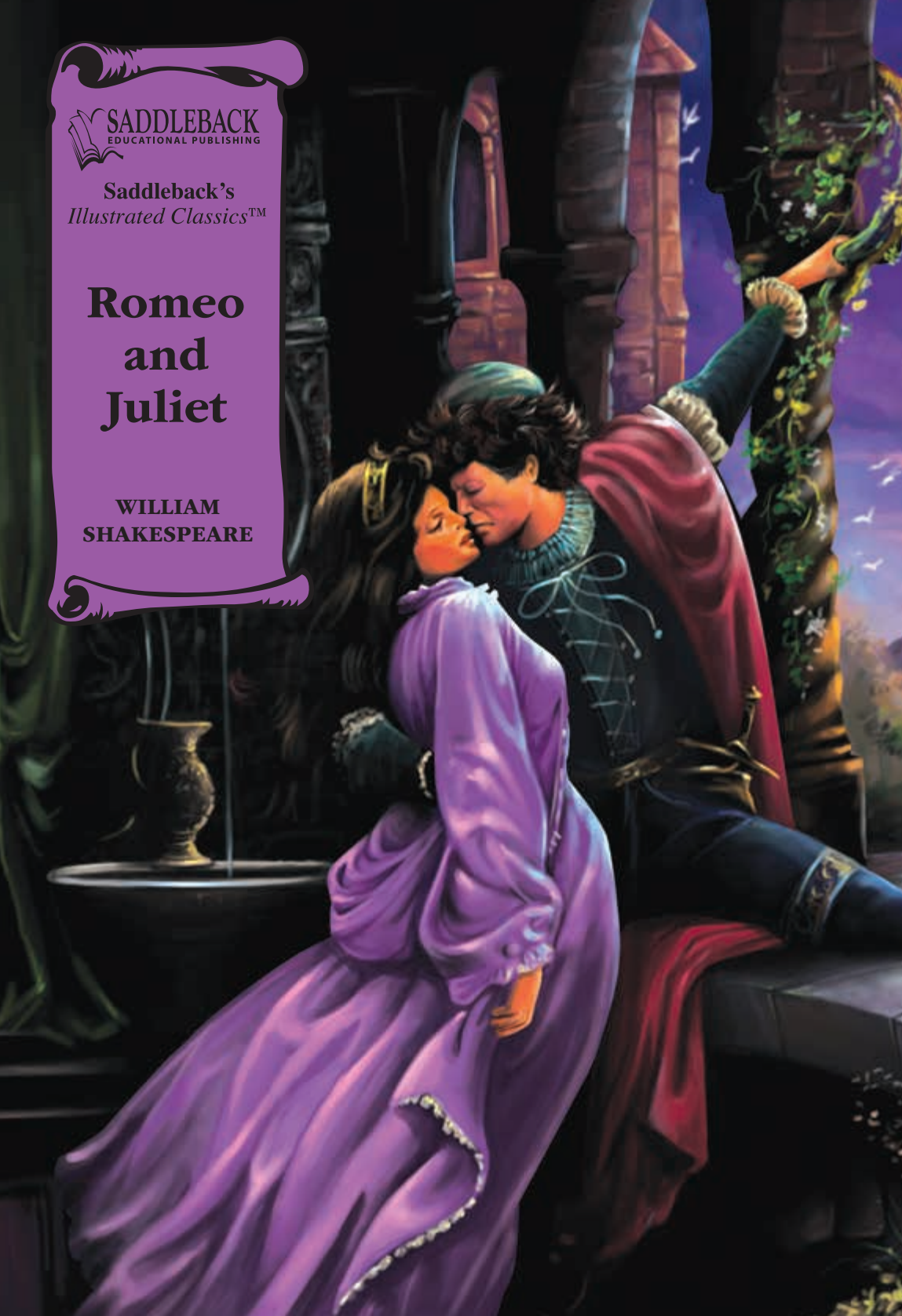


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# **Romeo and Juliet**

**WILLIAM  
SHAKESPEARE**





## William Shakespeare

William Shakespeare was baptized on April 26, 1564, in Stratford-on-Avon, England, the third child of John Shakespeare, a well-to-do merchant, and Mary Arden, his wife. Young William probably attended the Stratford grammar school, where he learned English, Greek, and a great deal of Latin. Historians aren't sure of the exact date of Shakespeare's birth.

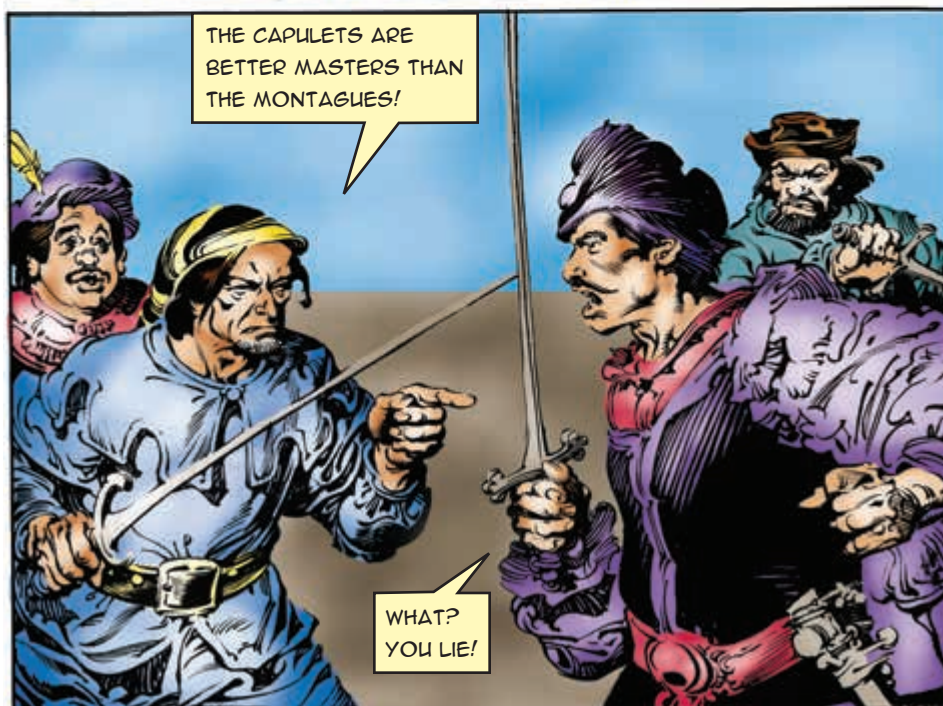
In 1582, Shakespeare married Anne Hathaway. By 1583 the couple had a daughter, Susanna, and two years later the twins, Hamnet and Judith. Somewhere between 1585 and 1592 Shakespeare went to London, where he became first an actor and then a playwright. His acting company, *The King's Men*, appeared most often in the *Globe* theater, a part of which Shakespeare himself owned.

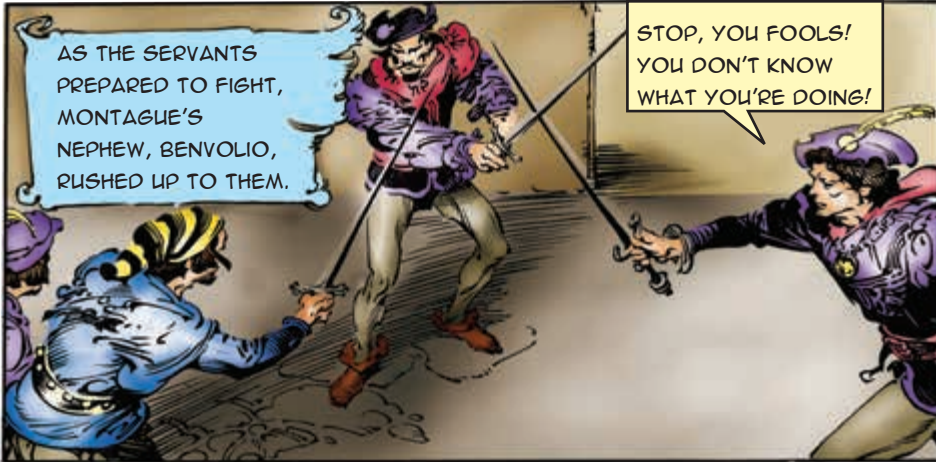
In all, Shakespeare is believed to have written thirty-seven plays, several nondramatic poems, and a number of sonnets. In 1611 when he left the active life of the theater, he returned to Stratford and became a country gentleman, living in the second-largest house in town. For five years he lived a quiet life. Then, on April 23, 1616, William Shakespeare died and was buried in Trinity Church in Stratford. From his own time to the present, Shakespeare is considered one of the greatest writers of the English-speaking world.















MANY GOOD CITIZENS OF VERONA WERE TIRED OF THE LONG FEUD. THEY RUSHED UP TO THE FIGHTING MEN.

STOP THEM, CITIZENS! STRIKE! BEAT THEM DOWN!

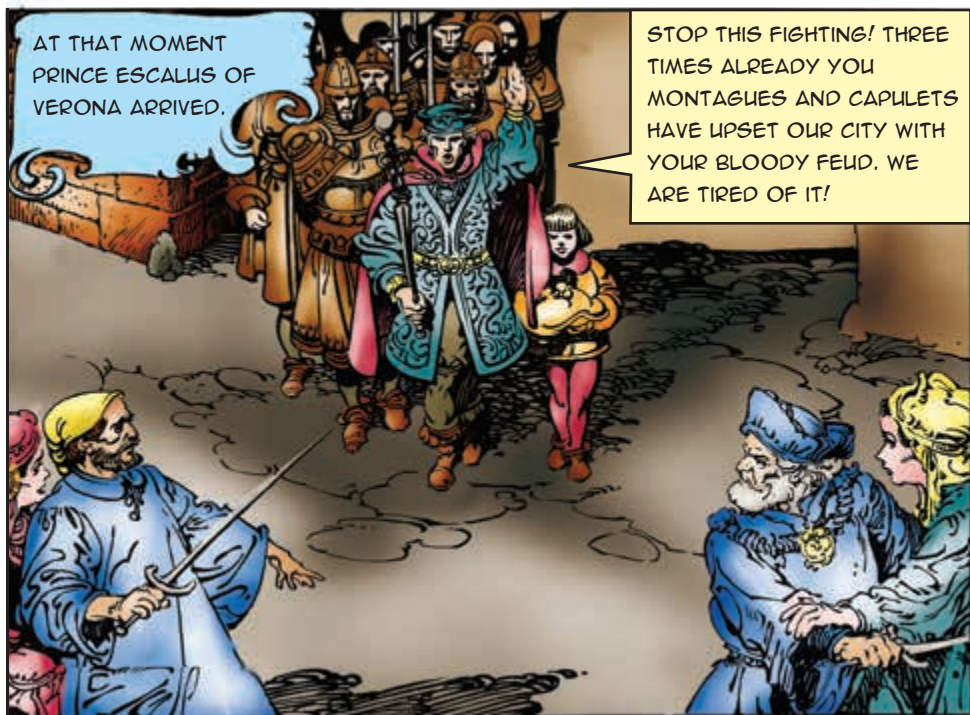




HEARING THE NOISE, OLD CAPULET AND LORD MONTAGUE CAME OUT OF THEIR HOUSES TO SEE WHAT WAS HAPPENING.





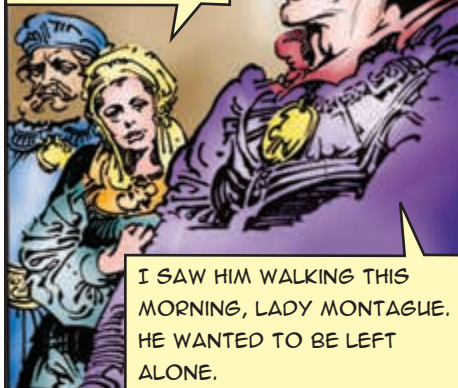






WITH THIS, THE PRINCE LEFT AND THE PEOPLE WENT BACK TO THEIR HOMES.

BY THE WAY, BENVOLIO, HAVE YOU SEEN MY SON ROMEO TODAY? I AM GLAD HE WAS NOT IN THIS FIGHT.



I SAW HIM WALKING THIS MORNING, LADY MONTAGUE. HE WANTED TO BE LEFT ALONE.

HE HAS BEEN DOING THAT A LOT LATELY, DEAR WIFE. HE STAYS UP ALL NIGHT LONG. AND DURING THE DAY HE LOCKS HIMSELF IN HIS ROOM.



AS THE SPOKE, ROMEO CAME DOWN THE STREET. BENVOLIO WENT ALONE TO TALK WITH HIM.

GOOD MORNING, COUSIN. WHAT IS BOTHERING YOU?



OH, BENVOLIO, I AM IN LOVE!







