

### *Shakespeare- A Creative Mind or A Criminal Mind?*

We always have assumed that William Shakespeare was a magnificent writer, actor and business man. Throughout the Elizabethan era, Shakespeare wrote 37 plays, 154 sonnets and he created 1700 words. But did he actually write all of these masterpieces, or there another creative genius behind the plays Shakespeare is given credit for?

James Wilmot, in 1781 wrote a Shakespeare biography. He visited his home town of Stratford-on-Avon and James visited all houses in a 50 mile radius of Shakespeare's home. James was shocked to find out that in the local library no books were checked out under his name. He continued his research and it turns out that until his career kicked off as a writer, he hadn't written a single letter. James Wilmot came to the conclusion that Shakespeare, son of a glove maker, didn't have a very literate childhood.

When Shakespeare became more famous, he wasn't the only playwright around. Other people like, Christopher Marlowe and Sir Francis Bacon also were big writers in the Elizabethan era. People believe that One of these writers wrote the plays for Shakespeare and spilt the money between them.