

Really? That Stratford fellow wasn't the true author?

Consider:

- The 1616 last will and testament of William Shakspere (notice the spelling, different from "Shakespeare") from town records of Stratford-upon-Avon shows his estate had no books in it or any elements of writing or literature...whatsoever.
- Ardent researchers scouring exhaustively over centuries have never found a single letter he ever wrote to anyone.
- None of his in-laws, friends, or close associates ever referred to him in their own correspondence or anywhere else as being a writer, even when they were discussing other writers.
- No one has ever found any records of patronage or payments to Shakspere for writing, or any praises or thanks or acknowledgments for such work.
- Additional known facts point not only to Shakspere but also his parents, wife, and children as having been completely illiterate.
- When he died in that year 1616, no one in literary circles paid any attention.

All these indications and many more, which scholars don't dispute, surely render untenable any notion that William Shakspere of Stratford-upon-Avon created the greatest works in the English language.