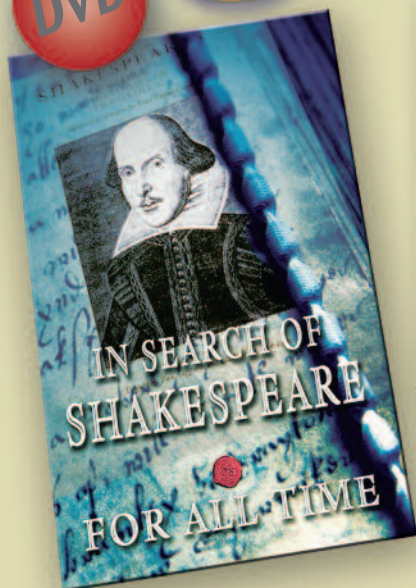


# Shakespeare



## IN SEARCH OF SHAKESPEARE

*An innovative four part video series exploring the life of the world's greatest writer.*

The series takes the form of a detective story, a documentary search, and a journey. It follows Shakespeare's life from cradle to grave, showing how the turbulent times of Queen Elizabeth's police state – a time of surveillance, militarism and foreign wars – shaped his life and his writing.

Specially filmed documentary interviews and live action sequences with the Royal Shakespeare Company, help illustrate how Shakespeare created some of the greatest literature in the world, and why it is still so popular today. He was an artist born out of turbulent times, but also, as his old friend Ben Johnson said: "He was not of an age, but for all time".

The series comes from the award-winning team that made 'In the Footsteps of Alexander the Great' and 'Conquistadors', and is written and presented by historian and broadcaster Michael Wood.

Produced by Rebecca Dobbs and directed by David Wallace.  
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### In Search of Shakespeare Series

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### A Time of Revolution

Using fascinating new evidence from spies' reports, local archives and even a coded prison diary, the dark side of Shakespeare's world is uncovered. Present day witnesses help trace William's early days, his schooling, his father's shady business deals and the dark secret that ruined the family. Finally, in Worcester Cathedral, the riddle is solved of William's shotgun marriage which left him a teenage father whose career prospects looked decidedly slim!

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### The Lost Years

Michael Wood explains how this young man from Stratford became a star of the London stage, and uncovers a tale of religious conflict behind Shakespeare's lost years. He travels with the Royal Shakespeare Company who perform the plays in a Tudor inn-yard as Shakespeare did; and using Tudor maps and remarkable Victorian photos, Shakespeare's first London home is brought back to life. Michael also follows Shakespeare's great rival, Christopher Marlow, on his fateful journey by river to Deptford – and a murder which left 29 year old Shakespeare as the star of Elizabethan London.

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### The Duty of Poets

Shakespeare rises to fame and fortune in Elizabethan London. With 'Romeo and Juliet' and 'A Midsummer Nights Dream', Shakespeare becomes England's top entertainer. But now tragedy strikes when his only son Hamnet dies at the age of 11. Plunged into a mid-life crisis, William falls in love with a beautiful teenage nobleman, has a passionate affair with a mysterious married woman and is summonsed for assault. Meanwhile his theatre company builds the Globe Theatre, and is caught up in the rebellion against Queen Elizabeth. But in the midst of it all, William creates some of the greatest characters in the literature of the world.

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### For All Time

The final film looks at Shakespeare's life in the era of King James 1. Michael Wood unearths Shakespeare's neighbourhood in London and visits the present queen's robe makers for evidence of Shakespeare's role in the royal coronation. Shakespeare's world would be transformed in 1605 by the Gunpowder Plot, a Jacobean September 11th. The entertainment industry responded, and Shakespeare contributed a daring play about the murder of a King – 'Macbeth'. Finally Wood follows Shakespeare back to Warwickshire and looks at the riddle of his will, and its strange bequest to his wife Anne.

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