

UNCANNY COINCIDENCES OR SOMETHING MORE?

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WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE

ARTHUR PHILLIPS

April 23 Birthday	April 23
Writer/Actor Profession	Writer/Gameshow contestant
Mary Arden	..... Mother's Maiden Name	Mary Sardensky
Lost	..... School Records/Fave TV show.....	Lost
Earl of Southampton	Patron/childhood hamster's name	Earl
2	..... Number of L's in name	2
50 (incl. Shaxberd)	..... Different spellings of name.....	50 (incl. Firoops)
Anne Hathaway	..... Wife/Celebrity sex-exemption.....	Anne Hathaway
Rosencrantz/Guildenstern	..... Bit characters/Loud in-law.....	Rose Gildenstein
Yes	Doubted by some to have existed or written work credited to him	Yes

DID YOU KNOW . . . ?

- ✓ Shakespeare probably had syphilis and Phillips seems kind of skanky when you meet him.
- ✓ There are no confirmed portraits of Shakespeare from his lifetime and Phillips does not appear in mirrors or reflective surfaces.
- ✓ Shakespeare famously left his wife his “second-best bed.” Phillips’s wife called him “second best in bed” in *Us Magazine*.
- ✓ *A Winter's Tale* is set in a mythical Bohemia, and *Prague* is set in Budapest.
- ✓ *King John*, III.i.346 seems to refer directly to Phillips: “thou art in jeopardy!” Phillips himself actually went on *Jeopardy!*

And finally. . . .

- ✓ No one has ever seen the two of them together.