Arthur Phillips

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Jennifer Hershey Editorial Director, Random House



Dear Jennifer,

I'm begging you not to publish **THE TRAGEDY OF ARTHUR** by William Shakespeare. You can still turn back. Don't you know by now this is all a lie? It's not Shakespeare. It's just not.

You know what this book is? Really? It's A NOVEL BY ARTHUR PHILLIPS

My father is playing you like he played me, like he played my mom, like he played my sister. Why won't you see that?

My heart has been broken, and I promise you, Jennifer, I promise you that if you carry on down this road, yours will be broken, too. That's what he does.

Please, please consider canceling this project.

Arthur