

Agustin Moreto y Cabaña

1. Agustin Moreto y Cabaña was born of Italian parents in the year 1618 and was baptized that same year on April 9th in Madrid, Spain.
2. He decided to go to the University of Alcalá to study law.
3. While he was there, he began to write poems and entremeses with a little help and support from his friends.
4. After he graduated, he decided to return to Madrid, Spain.
5. He spent more time writing. Eventually he wrote over 100 plays.
6. Generally his plays can be divided into different categories: religious plays, historical plays, comedies of intrigue, comedies of character, and entremeses.
7. He earned a lot of money from his plays and became a wealthy young man.
8. At the age of 24, Moreto began to take minor orders which led him to enter the monastery.
9. He grew old living as a monk. He spent most of the concluding years of his life helping the poor.
10. After he died (in Toledo, Spain), they discovered that in his will, he had left all of his possessions to the poor people that he had been helping and working with.



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