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SAINT JOAN

GEORGE BERNARD SHAW

- One of Bernard Shaw's most important plays, securing him the Nobel Prize for literature, and the only tragedy he wrote.
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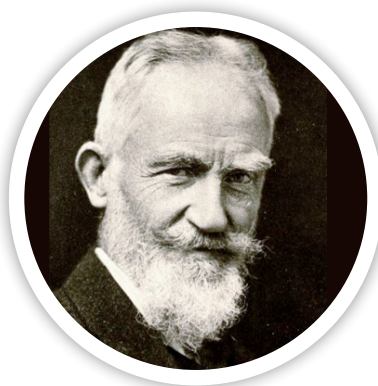
The life of fifteenth-century heroine Joan of Arc is the stuff of legend, and her cruel death – burned at the stake aged just nineteen – led to her being declared a martyr, granting her an unwavering legacy.

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'He was a Tolstoy with jokes, a modern Dr Johnson, a universal genius who on his own modest reckoning put even Shakespeare in the shade.'

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ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

George Bernard Shaw (1856–1950) was Nobel Prize-winning writer, political activist and critic. One of the most important writers of the twentieth century, he has been described as 'second only to Shakespeare in the British theatrical tradition'. Although he wrote over sixty plays, he is best remembered today for *Man and Superman*, *Pygmalion* and *Saint Joan*.

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