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Tom Stoppard's work includes "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead" (Tony Award), "Jumpers", "Travesties" (Tony Award), "Night and Day", "After Margritte", "The Real Thing" (Tony Award), "Enter a Free Man", "Hapgood", "Arcadia" ("Evening Standard" Award, The Oliver Award and the Critics Award), "Indian Ink" (a stage adaptation of his own play, "In the Native State") and "The Invention of Love".

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