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Ben Hecht (1894-1964) was an American screenwriter, director, producer, playwright, and novelist. Called "the Shakespeare of Hollywood," he received screen credits, alone or in collaboration, for the stories or screenplays of some 70 films and as a prolific storyteller, authored 35 books and created some of the most entertaining screenplays and plays in America.

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