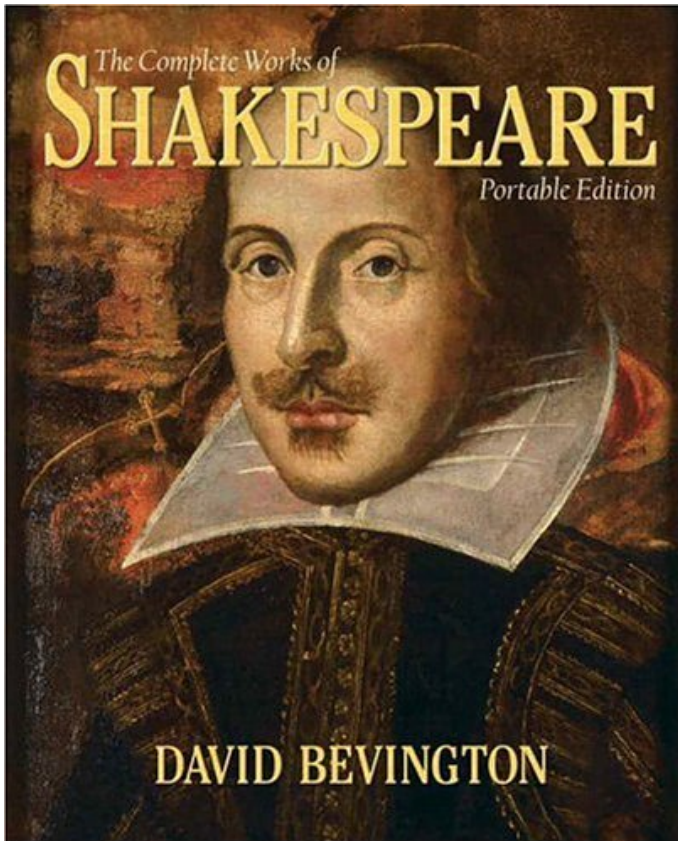

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David Bevington, the current president of the Shakespeare Association of America, is widely recognised for his contributions to the field of Shakespearean scholarship. Here he presents an annotated volume of all Shakespeare's works.

Insightful reviews

J. Alfred: Young Frankie in Frank McCourt's *Angela's Ashes* says that "Shakespeare is like mashed potatoes; you can never have too much." It's a compliment both to the poet and the potato, and I agree wholeheartedly. To read the ol' Swan of Avon straight through has, I believe, made me legitimately smarter, and not just in a know-more-stuff-in-my-chosen-profession sense, but in a understand-the-world-around-me sense. Eliot says that Shakespeare and Dante "divided the world between them, and there is no third." So yeah, he's good. Anyway, here's a little something I wrote for the kids in my school's creative writing club:

The Ballad of Billy S.

this is the rule: if you can kill
a guy just by dropping
someone's "Collected Works" on him,
the author is a king

because if we collect your works,
it follows that you're good
and if you're writing all that much
we'll read you (or, we should)

and Ceasars come and Ceasars go
but "et tu, Brute?" endures
and what has stood time's test must be
'gainst ipads, too, secure.

"it cannot be coincidence"
(his chant was like a seer's)
"it flows in such easy iambs:
The Bard: William Shakespeare."

Martin: 08-15-15

Othello

03-31-15

All's Well That Ends Well

01-09-15

Troilus & Cresieda

11-09-14

The Merry Wives of Windsor

10-02-14

Hamlet

06-02-14

Twelfth Night

05-06-14

As You Like It

10-18-13

Julius Caesar

08-15-13

Henry V

05-16-13

Much Ado About Nothing

03-28-13

Henry IV, Part Two

10-26-12

Henry IV, Part One

09-16-12

The Merchant of Venice

06-12-12

The Life and Death of King John

02-07-12

A Midsummer Night's Dream

12-20-11

Romeo & Juliet

06-25-11

Richard II

03-20-11

Love's Labour Lost

02-16-11

Two Gentlemen of Verona

05-07-10

The Taming of the Shrew - I love this play. Maybe that makes me a bad person, I don't know. I love the problems of it, I love watching directors and actors try to solve the problems of it, I love the wordplay, the banter, the elaborate deceptions - I just really enjoy it. I even enjoy the two filmed performances that I've seen - the Jonathan Miller version starring John Cleese and the Kirk Browning version featuring Marc Singer (yep, THAT Marc Singer). And you know what? After reading the introduction that precedes it here in this volume, I love it even more. The author points up elements and references and aspects that I had not considered before, making it even more interesting and compelling. Look, you may not like the play, and I respect it. But for me, this is one of Shakespeare's finest.

02-22-10

Titus Andronicus - You know, TS Eliot said this was the stupidest play ever written; and that's coming from the guy who penned "The Cocktail Party" so he knows from stupid. And while it was really violent, i didn't mind it. Sure the characters aren't as deep and profoundly drawn as in other plays, but i feel with this play you see the young author working his craft, learning, making mistakes (like there's way way too much going on, for example). And that's interesting. And frankly, if you made it as a movie today, i'm sure the crowds would eat it up as the great unwashed did back in the 1590s. Look, if you're only going to read, say, 5 plays by Shakespeare, I wouldn't put this on your list. But if you're interested in watching him develop, you could do worse. (Though you have to ask yourself, what the hell prompted him to pick this

story...)

01-28-10

Richard III - like the Henrys, wish i had a more facile understanding of the details of the history so i could appreciate this more. That said, some great banter and Richard still emerges as a stunningly intriguing character. No wonder actors make their bones on him. Makes me want to see it live - or at least a movie.

10-09-09

Henry VI part 3 - okay, so i finished this trilogy. Richard III is poised to commit all manner of atrocity. Lots of blood, lots of gore, lots of guts. And interestingly, more complicated characters than in the previous two "parts" - not that they're consistent. Makes me want to learn more about the history, so i can come back to this play (of the three) and understand Shakespeare's take on it. That said, one can't come away from this play unaffected by Shakespeare's fear of the chaos of revolution and civil war. Good stuff.

04-24-09

Henry VI part 2 is apparently Shakespeare's earliest known work, and you can tell. It's clearly not one of his best unless you're well-versed in the history, but still, at times, greatness glimmers through.

02-01-09

Henry VI part 1 was better than i expected, but hampered by my ignorance of the players and the era. and, of course, like all plays, should be seen rather than read. nevertheless still good banter at points that even a dullard like me can appreciate.

03-02-08

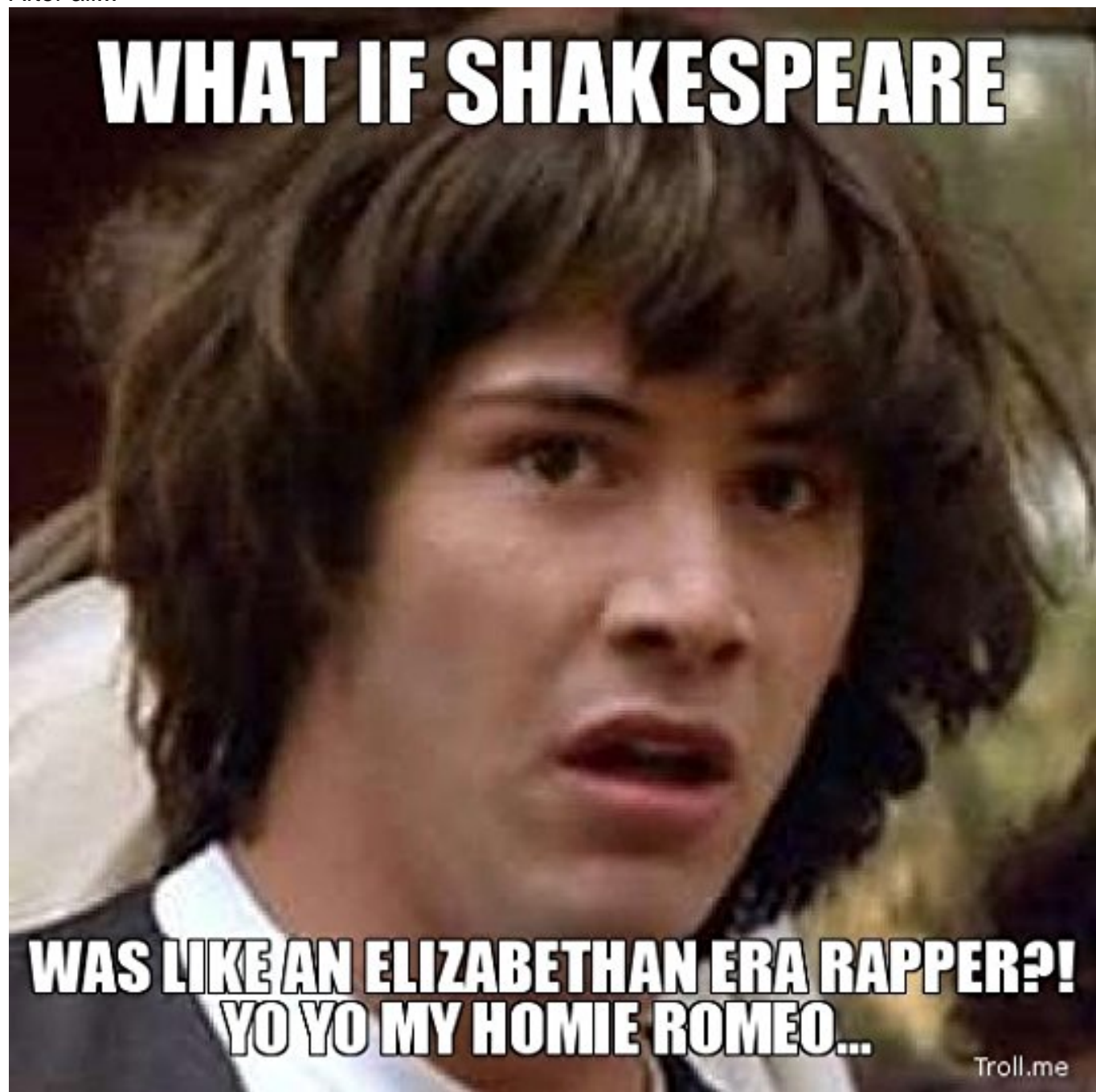
A Comedy of Errors was very enjoyable. A little confusing, of course, and a little bit of the "deus ex machina" at the end, but you can forgive that because it's an early play and it never loses its light touch

Nicole Pramik: How do you honestly review Shakespeare? Other than simply say the Bard was a genius in storytelling, character creation, and (of course) writing. But just saying that seems too simple even though it's the truth. It is a shame that people seem to get scared off from reading Shakespeare because of the language. For me, part of the appeal of his works is his language. It's like a chameleon that changes to the setting and mood; at times, it can be beautiful and effortless like poetry, and at other times it's foreboding and intense. Emotion just pours through and I can see why his plays would probably be a joy to land a role in.

In terms of this particular volume, this is a Shakespeare lover's dream find - complete with a black leather cover and gold-trimmed, antiquated-looking pages. I got this as a Christmas gift one year and it is one of my most prized books because it contains every Shakespeare play (and poem) known to man (I believe), from his famed works to his lesser-known plays. In short, if you love the Bard, then this book is a no-brainer to add to your shelf.

And, yes, Shakespeare is actually easy to read once you get used to his style, which is uniquely his own.

After all...



Chris: . i have been looking at the outdated BBC An Age of Kings. should you do not know, this can be an outdated BBC sequence of Shakespeare's heritage cycle from Richard II even though to Richard III. It has a tender Sean Connery as Hotspur and Tom Hardy as Henry V. Judi Dench is there as is Angela Baddley (Mrs. Bridges from Upstairs, Downstairs. It received me wondering the undying of Shakespeare. Why does everybody on this planet learn

Shakespeare? Why does the Bard's paintings seem on stage, in film, on television? Why does his paintings encourage different stories? Why can his paintings be put in virtually any context and nonetheless be stable (okay, Julius Caesar set in Panama did not work, yet that was once the smoky cap guns). Perhaps the reply to the above questions is that Stratford-Upon-Avon wanted a very good vacationer draw. No, in fact not. it's because Shakespeare is da bomb. there's something for everybody in Shakespeare. there's love in R&J or any of the comedies. there's homicide in different plays. there's relations relationships consistently being tested comparable to in Lear and Hamlet. There are thousands, if now not millions, of soiled jokes. and do not overlook the sonnet that's basically approximately sex. Shakespeare used to be a stunning poet who had a truly perverted humorousness sometimes. I part accept as true with certainly one of my professors, Titus simply could be Shakespeare's try out at comedy, attempting to mock the revenge tradition. It does, because the decreased Shakespeare corporation has shown, make a very solid cooking show. I individually locate the fewer renowned performs to be the higher ones. i like Tony and Cleo. i admire a lot Ado. Even King John has its excessive issues it's in lesser identified performs that the common reader can notice gems. It's actual that Hamlet and the opposite massive performs are wonderful, brilliant, however the reader also needs to play realization to the others, those that haven't been talked to death. since it is in those, that during many ways, the reader can succeed in Shakespeare. if you happen to be aware of what I mean. It's precise that the Bard has had a few misses. I don't imagine someone truly, quite understands what he was once doing with Troilus and Cressida, notwithstanding i've got a delicate spot for that play. I learn The Phoenix and the Turtle yet can't commit it to memory very well. yet Shakespeare remains to be da bomb. The very important factor to recollect approximately Shakespeare is that he wasn't intended to be read, yet intended to be seen, to be heard. The performs paintings top once they come off the page, both although functionality or just interpreting aloud. It additionally is helping to have a operating wisdom of the Bible and mythology.

GoldGato: this can be a behemoth of Shakespeare's works. Sonnets, dramas, comedies, histories. Everything. this can be the proud tome that remains open on a bookstand, lording it over the smaller p-books. Of course, it has to sit down by itself stand, as it isn't equipped for mobility. convenient but monstrous. If you are making it to the end, the Appendices deliver a boatload of evidence to the reader. Witches And Witchcraft, Tortures And Punishments, Cuckolds And Horns...Elizabethan strangeness. Book Season = yr around

Thomas Pierson: There are, and with a bit of luck will continuously be, tales that contact and circulate you in this sort of approach that they stick on your reminiscence and not permit go. it's even a better impact whilst your love of an writer permits that writer to mentor you masses of years after his death. for my part it's really the easiest kind of mentoring, since it passes at the excessive beliefs of the writer with no being it being weighed down by means of the fallacies of the man. Shakespeare taught me that it used to be okay to recognize the villain; that it really is occasionally essential to condemn the hero, to face company within the reason for love, and to give up neither my ideas nor my honor for such petty trinkets as wealth and position. Shakespeare taught me that it really is occasionally essential to snort at myself, simply to hold me humble; and that it's a necessity to chortle at a pal for a similar reason. I realized that the line to hell isn't really paved with strong intentions, yet with the insanity that the melding of ambition and excessive emotion consistently turns out to create. this can be a perennial ebook

for me; in addition to The amassed Works of Edgar Allen Poe, Douglas Adams' Hitchhiker Trilogy, Stephen King's darkish Tower series, Flann O'Brien's The 3rd Policeman, Simon R. Green's Nightside Series, Tiziano Sclavi's The Dylan puppy Case Files, and whatever by way of Shel Silverstein.

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