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One of Shakespeare's most original and eloquent plays, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* brilliantly interweaves four contrasting groups of characters to present a many-sided view of love in all its aspects: its joys and sadness, its idealism and selfishness, its physical and spiritual elements. This performing edition was prepared for Propeller's all-male company of twelve actors, at the Watermill Theatre, Newbury, and toured the West End in 2003.

Propeller's markedly contemporary approach to Shakespeare brought great success for *Rose Rage*, their version of the Henry VI plays, which won the TMA/Barclays Theatre Award for the best touring production of 2001.

Presents the text of the play, notes to clarify the text, and historical background.

John Dover Wilson's *New Shakespeare*, published between 1921 and 1966, became the classic Cambridge edition of Shakespeare's plays and poems until the 1980s. The series, long since out-of-print, is now reissued. Each work is available both individually and as a set, and each contains a lengthy and lively introduction, main text, and substantial notes and glossary printed at the back.

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The edition, which began with *The Tempest* and ended with *The Sonnets*, put into practice the techniques and theories that had evolved under the 'New Bibliography'. Remarkably by today's standards, although it took the best part of half a century to produce, the New Shakespeare involved only a small band of editors besides Dover Wilson himself. As the volumes took shape, many of Dover Wilson's textual methods acquired general acceptance and became an established part of later editorial practice, for example in the Arden and New Cambridge Shakespeares.

Drama and Political Knowledge in Early Modern England

*A Midsummer Night's Dream*

Oxford Shakespeare: *Hamlet, Prince of Denmark*  
Shakespeare and the First *Hamlet*

Revised Edition

*The Taming of the Shrew*

*Hamlet's Moment* identifies a turning point in the history of English drama and early modern political culture: the moment when the business of politics became a matter of dramatic representation. Drama turned from open, military conflict to diplomacy and court policy, from the public contestation of power to the technologies of government. Tragedies of state turned into tragedies of state servants, inviting the public to consider politics as a profession-to imagine what it meant to have a political career. By staging

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intelligence derived from diplomatic sources, and by inflecting the action and discourse of their plays with a Machiavellian style of political analysis, playwrights such as Shakespeare, Jonson, Chapman, and Marston transformed political knowledge into a more broadly useful type of cultural capital, something even people without political agency could deploy in conversation and use in claiming social distinction. In Hamlet's moment, the public stage created the political competence that enabled the rise of the modern public sphere.

What is it about Hamlet that has made it such a vital work in English drama and literature? David Bevington argues that the staging, criticism, and editing of Hamlet go hand in hand over the centuries, from 1599-1600 to the present day, to such a remarkable extent that the history of Hamlet can be seen as a kind of paradigm for the cultural history of the English-speaking world.

The Oxford Companion to Shakespeare is the most comprehensive reference work available on Shakespeare's life, times, works, and his 400-year global legacy. In addition to the authoritative A-Z entries, it includes nearly 100 illustrations, a chronology, a guide to further reading, a thematic contents list, and special feature entries on each of Shakespeare's works. Tying in with the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death, this much-loved Companion has been revised and updated, reflecting developments and discoveries made in recent years and to cover the performance, interpretation, and the

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influence of Shakespeare's works up to the present day. First published in 2001, the online edition was revised in 2011, with updates to over 200 entries plus 16 new entries. These online updates appear in print for the first time in this second edition, along with a further 35,000 new and revised words. These include more than 80 new entries, ranging from important performers, directors, and scholars (such as Lucy Bailey, Samuel West, and Alfredo Michel Modenessi), to topics as diverse as Shakespeare in the digital age and the ubiquity of plants in Shakespeare's works, to the interpretation of Shakespeare globally, from Finland to Iraq. To make information on Shakespeare's major works easier to find, the feature entries have been grouped and placed in a centre section (fully cross-referenced from the A-Z). The thematic listing of entries - described in the press as 'an invaluable panorama of the contents' - has been updated to include all of the new entries. This edition contains a preface written by much-lauded Shakespearian actor Simon Russell Beale. Full of both entertaining trivia and scholarly detail, this authoritative Companion will delight the browser and reward students, academics, as well as anyone wanting to know more about Shakespeare.

Shakespeare--who was He?

The Cambridge Dover Wilson Shakespeare

Shakespeare's Comedy of the Tempest

The Complete Works

The Oxford Shakespeare: Richard II

The Tragedy of Coriolanus

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This companion volume to *The New Oxford Shakespeare: The Complete Works* concentrates on the issues of canon and chronology—currently the most active and controversial debates in the field of Shakespeare editing. It presents in full the evidence behind the choices made in *The Complete Works* about which works Shakespeare wrote, in whole or part. A major new contribution to attribution studies, the *Authorship Companion* illuminates the work and methodology underpinning the groundbreaking *New Oxford Shakespeare*, and casts new light on the professional working practices, and creative endeavours, of Shakespeare and his contemporaries. We now know that Shakespeare collaborated with his literary and dramatic contemporaries, and that others adapted his works before they reached printed publication. The *Authorship Companion's* essays explore and explain these processes, laying out everything we currently know about the works' authorship. Using a variety of different attribution methods, *The New Oxford Shakespeare* has confirmed the presence of other writers' hands in plays that until recently were thought to be Shakespeare's solo work. Taking this process further with meticulous, fresh scholarship, essays in the *Authorship Companion* show why we must now add new plays to the accepted Shakespeare canon and reattribute certain parts of familiar Shakespeare plays to other writers. The technical arguments for these decisions about Shakespeare's creativity are carefully laid out in language that anyone interested in the topic can understand. The latest methods for authorship attribution are explained in simple but accurate terms and all the linguistic data on which the conclusions are based is provided. *The New Oxford Shakespeare* consists of four interconnected publications: the *Modern Critical Edition* (with modern spelling), the *Critical Reference Edition* (with original spelling), a companion volume on *Authorship*, and an online version integrating all of this material on OUP's high-powered scholarly editions platform. Together, they provide the perfect resource for the future of Shakespeare studies.

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Dark and violent, Macbeth is also the most theatrically spectacular of Shakespeare's tragedies. Indeed, for 250 years - until early this century - it was performed with grand operatic additions set to baroque music. In his introduction Nicholas Brooke relates the play's changing fortunes to changes within society and the theatre and investigates the sources of its enduring appeal. He examines its many layers of illusion and interprets its linguistic turns and echoes, arguing that the earliest surviving text is an adaptation, perhaps carried out by Shakespeare himself in collaboration with Thomas Middleton. This fully annotated edition reconsiders textual and staging problems, appraises past and present critical views, and represents a major contribution to our understanding of Macbeth.

**ABOUT THE SERIES:** For over 100 years Oxford World's Classics has made available the widest range of literature from around the globe. Each affordable volume reflects Oxford's commitment to scholarship, providing the most accurate text plus a wealth of other valuable features, including expert introductions by leading authorities, helpful notes to clarify the text, up-to-date bibliographies for further study, and much more.

Hamlet is a popular text for study by secondary students the world over. This edition includes illustrations, preliminary notes, reading lists (including websites) and classroom notes.

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The Oxford Shakespeare

The New Oxford Shakespeare: Authorship Companion

Shakespeare's Hamlet

Oxford Shakespeare Concordances

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*Tragedies" are Hamlet, Romeo and Juliet and Othello: Published in time for the holiday season, this well-priced collection makes these literary masterworks accessible to everyone.*

*In one attractive volume, the Modern Critical Edition gives today's students and playgoers the very best resources they need to understand and enjoy all Shakespeare's works. The authoritative text is accompanied by extensive explanatory and performance notes, and innovative introductory materials which lead the reader into exploring questions about interpretation, textual variants, literary criticism, and performance, for themselves. Contains forty original essays.*

*A School Shakespeare ...*

*This Is Shakespeare*

*Murder Most Foul*

*The Oxford Handbook of Shakespeare*

*Hamlet*

**Shakespeare and Text is built on the research and experience of a leading expert on Shakespeare editing and textual studies. The first edition has proved its value as an indispensable and unique guide to its topic. It takes Shakespeare readers to the very foundation of his work, explaining how his plays first took shape in the theatre where writing was part of a larger collective enterprise. The account examines the early modern printing industry that**

**produced the earliest surviving texts of Shakespeare's plays. It describes the roles of publisher and printer, the controls exerted through the Stationers' Company, and the technology of printing. A chapter is devoted to the book that gathered Shakespeare's plays together for the first time, the First Folio of 1623. Shakespeare and Text goes on to survey the major developments in textual studies over the past century. It builds on the recent upsurge of interest in textual theory, and deals with issues such as collaboration, the instability of the text, the relationship between theatre culture and print culture, and the book as a material object. Later chapters examine the current critical edition, explaining the procedures that transform early texts in to a very different cultural artefact, the edition in which we regularly encounter Shakespeare. The new revised edition, which builds on Jowett's research for the New Oxford Shakespeare, engages with scholarship of the past decade, work that has transformed our understanding of textual versions, has opened up the taxonomy of Shakespeare's texts, and has significantly extended the picture of Shakespeare as a co-author. A new chapter describes digital text, digital editing, and their interface with the traditional media.**

**Bartleby.com, Inc. presents the full text of the**



play "Hamlet, Prince of Denmark," as part of the full text of the 1914 Oxford edition of the "Complete Works of William Shakespeare." "Hamlet, Prince of Denmark" was written in 1600-1601 by English dramatist and poet William Shakespeare (1564-1616).

The main arguments for and against the theory that Edward de Vere, the seventeenth earl of Oxford, used William Shakespeare as a pseudonym.

**The Oxford Challenge to the Bard of Avon**  
**Oxford Shakespeare Concordances: Hamlet**  
**The Oxford Shakespeare: Much Ado About Nothing**

**The Oxford Shakespeare: Hamlet**  
**Hamlet / Macbeth / a Midsummer's Night Dream / Othello / Romeo and Juliet / As You Like It**  
**The Oxford Shakespeare: A Midsummer Night's Dream**

Deftly combining history and tragedy, Shakespeare's tale of bad government and usurpation had great political immediacy for its first audiences. This version of the text is based on the early quartos and first Folio of 1623. It is complemented by an introduction that places the play in its own time, thorough textual notes, and full commentary.

The Taming of the Shrew is a popular text for study by secondary students the world over. This edition includes illustrations, preliminary notes, reading lists and classroom notes.

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Does philosophy gain or lose when it is embedded within literature or embodied by drama? Does literary criticism gain or lose when it turns to literary works as occasions for abstract reflection? Leading literary scholars and philosophers interrogate philosophical dimensions of Shakespeare's Hamlet with these urgent questions in view. Scholars probe Hamlet's own insights, assess the significance of philosophy's literary-dramatic framing by this play, and trace the philosophically-relevant underpinnings revealed by historical transformations in Hamlet's reception. They focus on the play's thematizations of subjectivity, knowledge, sex, grief, self-theatricalization. Examining Shakespeare's play from a philosophical standpoint sharpens the questions the play itself so famously poses: What counts as a proper response to injustice upon realizing that whatever one does, there can be no undoing of the initial wrong? What do our commitments to the dead amount to? How to persist in infusing significance into action while grasping the degradation of death and our own replaceability? Scholars at the forefront of their fields tackle these and other questions from a wide range of viewpoints, illuminating the central concerns of one of Shakespeare's masterpieces.

Propeller Shakespeare

Philosophical Perspectives

Romeo and Juliet

Oxford School Shakespeare

Hamlet's Moment

Hamlet Through the Ages

The first edition of Hamlet – often called 'Q1', shorthand for 'first quarto' – was

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published in 1603, in what we might regard as the early modern equivalent of a cheap paperback. Yet this early version of Shakespeare's classic tragedy is becoming increasingly canonical, not because there is universal agreement about what it is or what it means, but because more and more Shakespearians agree that it is worth arguing about. The essays in this collected volume explore the ways in which we might approach Q1's Hamlet, from performance to book history, from Shakespeare's relationships with his contemporaries to the shape of his whole career.

### The Oxford Shakespeare: Hamlet Oxford Paperbacks

Hamlet's combination of violence and introspection is unusual among Shakespeare's tragedies. It is also full of curious riddles and fascinating paradoxes, making it one of his most widely discussed plays. Professor Hibbard's illuminating and original introduction explains the process by which variant texts were fused together in the eighteenth century to create the most commonly used text of today. Drawing on both critical and theatrical history, he shows how this fusion makes Hamlet seem a much more 'problematic' play than it was

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when it originally appeared in the First Folio of 1623. The Oxford Shakespeare edition presents a radically new text, based on that First Folio, which printed Shakespeare's own revision of an earlier version. The result is a 'theatrical' and highly practical edition for students and performers alike.

As You Like It (2009 Edition)

Hamlet (2009 edition)

The Oxford School Shakespeare Set

The Oxford Companion to Shakespeare

Richard II

Shakespeare and Text

*Shakespeare and Ecology shows how environmental problems typically associated with the nineteenth and twentieth centuries including pollution, deforestation, and climate change, actually began in Shakespeare's time and are reflected in many of his plays.*

*This book explores the conversations between two media, the book and the stage, as they evolved in both competition and sympathy. Focusing on seven of Shakespeare's plays, it argues the book on stage, as both object and idea, offers one of the most articulate and developed hermeneutic tools*

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*available in the study of early modern English culture.*

*Shakespeare plays, texts.*

*Volume III: Tragedies*

*Shakespeare and Ecology*

*Twelfth Night, Or, What You Will*

*The New Oxford Shakespeare*

*The Complete Oxford Shakespeare*

*With Glossary*

**An electrifying new study that investigates the challenges of the Bard's inconsistencies and flaws, and focuses on revealing—not resolving—the ambiguities of the plays and their changing topicality A genius and prophet whose timeless works encapsulate the human condition like no other. A writer who surpassed his contemporaries in vision, originality, and literary mastery. A man who wrote like an angel, putting it all so much better than anyone else. Is this Shakespeare? Well, sort of. But it doesn't tell us the whole truth. So much of what we say about Shakespeare is either not true, or just not relevant. In This Is Shakespeare, Emma Smith—an intellectually, theatrically, and ethically exciting writer—takes us into a world of politicking and copycatting, as we watch Shakespeare emulating the blockbusters of Christopher Marlowe and Thomas Kyd (the Spielberg and Tarantino of their day), flirting with and skirting around the cutthroat issues of succession politics, religious upheaval, and technological change. Smith writes in**

strikingly modern ways about individual agency, privacy, politics, celebrity, and sex. Instead of offering the answers, the Shakespeare she reveals poses awkward questions, always inviting the reader to ponder ambiguities.

**Twelfth Night** is one of the most popular of Shakespeare's plays in the modern theatre, and this edition places particular emphasis on its theatrical qualities throughout. Peopled with lovers misled either by disguises or their own natures, it combines lyrical melancholy with broad comedy. The introduction analyses its many views of love and the juxtaposition of joy and melancholy, while the detailed commentary pays particular attention to its linguistic subtleties. Music is particularly important in **Twelfth Night**, and this is the only modern edition to offer material for all the music required in a performance. James Walker has re-edited the existing music from the original sources, and where none exists has composed settings compatible with the surviving originals.

This text explores Shakespeare's reshaping of sources into new creations. Beginning with a discussion of how and what Elizabethans read, the work goes on to examine Shakespeare's use of specific texts.

**Shakespeare and the Idea of the Book**

**A Concordance to the Text of the Second Quarto of 1604-5**

**The Oxford Shakespeare: The Tragedy of Macbeth**  
*As You Like It is a popular text for*

*study by secondary students the world over. This edition includes illustrations, preliminary notes, reading lists (including websites) and classroom notes.*

*Sparkling with the witty dialogue between Beatrice and Benedict, Much Ado About Nothing is one of Shakespeare's most enjoyable and theatrically successful comedies. This edition offers a newly edited text and an exceptionally helpful and critically aware introduction. Paying particular attention to analysis of the play's minor characters, Sheldon P. Zitner discusses Shakespeare's transformation of his source material. He rethinks the attitudes to gender relations that underlie the comedy and determine its view of marriage. Allowing for the play's openness to reinterpretation by successive generations of readers and performers, Zitner provides a socially analytic stage history, advancing new views for the actor as much as for the critic.*

*A Midsummer Night's Dream is perhaps the best loved of Shakespeare's plays. It brings together aristocrats,*

*workers, and fairies in a wood outside Athens, and from there the enchantment begins. In the introduction to this edition, Peter Holland pays particular attention to dreams and dreamers, and to Shakespeare's construction of a world of night and shadows. Both here and in his commentary he explores the play's extensive performance history to illustrate the wide range of interpretations of which it is capable.*

*- ;A Midsummer Night's Dream is perhaps the best loved of Shakespeare's plays. It brings together aristocrats, workers, and fairies in a wood outside Athens, and from there the enchantment begins. Simple and engaging on the surface, it is none the less a highly original and sophisticated work, remarkable for both its literary and its theatrical mastery. It is one of the very few of Shakespeare's plays which do not draw on narrative sources, which suggests that it reflects his deepest imaginative concerns to an unusual degree. In his introduction Peter Holland pays particular attention to dreams and dreamers, and to Shakespeare's construction of a world*



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