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Bloom's Shakespeare Through the Ages Set, 21-Volumes Sterling Professor of the Humanities Harold Bloom 2010-06-01 Each volume in the **Bloom's Shakespeare Through the Ages** set contains the finest criticism on a particular work from the Bard's oeuvre, selected under the guidance of renowned Shakespearean scholar, Harold Bloom. Intended for students just beginning their exploration of Shakespeare, these invaluable study guides present the best of Shakespeare criticism, from the 17th century to today. In the process, each volume also charts the flow over time of critical discussion of a particular work.

This essential set is unique not only in the range of commentary it provides on each of Shakespeare's greatest works, but also in its emphasis on the greatest critics in our literary tradition—including such critics as John Dryden in the 17th century, Samuel Johnson in the 18th century, William Hazlitt and Samuel Coleridge in the 19th century, A.C. Bradley and William Empson in the 20th century, and many more. Some of the pieces included are full-length essays; others are excerpts designed to present a key point.

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- Introductory essays on the development of criticism on the work in each century
- A brief biography of Shakespeare
- A plot synopsis, list of characters, and analysis of several key passages
- An introduction by Harold Bloom.

Shakespeare's Rome Robert S. Miola 2004-06-10 This book studies Shakespeare's changing vision of Rome in the six works where the city serves as a setting. Unlike other scholars treatment, the subject Dr Miola offers a coherent analysis of all the major appearances of Rome in the Shakespeare canon. Shakespeare's recurrent and varied treatment of Rome suggests that a close examination of the city's transformations can teach us much about his development as a playwright and the development of his dramatic vision. The book focuses on Shakespeare's changing conception of the Roman city, its

people, and its ideals. Dr Miola examines the symbolic and topographical features that help define the city.

The Tempest William Shakespeare 2013 "Shakespeare's last play is a romantic fantasy about a magician who rules over an enchanted island with his daughter. Considered his most beautiful work, it is a rare reflection of his views on life"--Provided by publisher.

Hamlet, Prince of Denmark William Shakespeare 1868

Much Ado about Nothing William Shakespeare 1887

Temple Shakespeare 1900

Much Ado About Nothing William Shakespeare 2017-04-04 The acclaimed Pelican Shakespeare series, now in a dazzling new series design The Pelican Shakespeare series features authoritative and meticulously researched texts paired with scholarship by renowned Shakespeareans. Each book includes an essay on the theatrical world of Shakespeare's time, an introduction to the individual play, and a detailed note on the text used. Updated by general editors Stephen Orgel and A. R. Braunmuller, these easy-to-read editions incorporate over thirty years of Shakespeare scholarship undertaken since the original series, edited by Alfred Harbage, appeared between 1956 and 1967. With stunning new covers designed by Manuja Waldia, definitive texts, and illuminating essays, the Pelican Shakespeare will remain a valued resource for students, teachers, and theater professionals for many years to come. This edition of *Much Ado About Nothing* is edited with an introduction by Peter Holland. For more than seventy years, Penguin has been the leading publisher of classic literature in the English-speaking world. With more than 1,700 titles, Penguin Classics represents a global bookshelf of the best works throughout history and across genres and disciplines. Readers trust the series to provide authoritative texts enhanced by introductions and notes by distinguished scholars and contemporary authors, as well as up-to-date translations by award-winning translators.

Twelfth Night William Shakespeare 1900

The Merchant of Venice William Shakespeare 2020-10-26 In *The Merchant of Venice*, the path to marriage is hazardous. To win Portia, Bassanio must pass a test prescribed by her father's will, choosing correctly among three caskets or chests. If he fails, he may never marry at all. Bassanio and Portia also face a magnificent villain, the loan shark Shylock. In creating Shylock, William Shakespeare seems to have shared in a widespread prejudice against Jews. Shylock would have been regarded as a villain because he was a Jew. Yet he gives such powerful expression to his alienation due to the hatred around him that, in many productions, he emerges as the hero. Portia is most remembered for her disguise as a lawyer, Balthazar, especially the speech in which she urges Shylock to show mercy that "droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven." *The Merchant of Venice* is an intriguing drama of love, greed, and revenge.

CliffsNotes on Shakespeare's Much Ado About Nothing Richard O Peterson 2007-08-20 One of Shakespeare's romantic comedies, this play is set in the seaport town of Messina, in Sicily. The drama concerns "the battle of the sexes" and focuses on the barbed wits and intrigues that two sets of lovers and their friends and family create. Brimming with wit and antagonism, the play has amused and provoked audiences for centuries.

Much Ado About Nothing William Shakespeare 2014-03

Othello William Shakespeare 2016-10-04 The New York Theater Workshop's production of *Othello*, starring Daniel Craig and David Oyelowo, and directed by Tony award-winning director Sam Gold, opened in November 2016. This production was sponsored in part by The Pelican Shakespeare series and Penguin Classics. Winner of the 2016 AIGA + Design Observer 50 Books | 50 Covers competition Gold Medal Winner of the 3x3 Illustration Annual No. 14 This edition of *Othello* is edited with an introduction and notes by Russ McDonald and was recently repackaged with cover art by Manuja Waldia. Waldia received a Gold Medal from the Society of Illustrators for the Pelican Shakespeare series. The legendary Pelican Shakespeare series features authoritative and meticulously researched texts paired with scholarship by renowned Shakespeareans. Each book includes an essay on the theatrical world of Shakespeare's time, an introduction to the individual play, and a detailed note on the text used. Updated by general editors Stephen Orgel and A. R. Braunmuller, these easy-to-read editions incorporate over thirty years of Shakespeare scholarship undertaken since the original series, edited by Alfred Harbage, appeared between 1956 and 1967. With stunning new covers, definitive texts, and illuminating essays, the Pelican Shakespeare will remain a valued resource for students, teachers, and theater professionals for many years to come. For more than seventy years, Penguin has been the leading publisher of classic literature in the English-speaking world. With more than 1,700 titles, Penguin Classics represents a global bookshelf of the best works throughout history and across genres and disciplines. Readers trust the series to provide authoritative texts enhanced by introductions and notes by distinguished scholars and contemporary authors, as well as up-to-date translations by award-winning translators.

Macbeth William Shakespeare 1872

Much Ado About Nothing William Shakespeare 2019-08-24 *Much Ado About Nothing* is a comedic play by William Shakespeare thought to have been written in 1598 and 1599, as Shakespeare was approaching the middle of his career. The play was included in the First Folio, published in 1623. *Much Ado About Nothing* is generally considered one of Shakespeare's best comedies, because it combines elements of robust hilarity with more serious meditations on honor, shame, and court politics. By means of "noting" (which, in Shakespeare's day, sounded the same as "nothing," and which is gossip, rumour, and overhearing), Benedick and Beatrice are tricked into confessing their love for each other, and Claudio is tricked into rejecting Hero at the altar on the erroneous belief that she has been unfaithful. At the end, Benedick and Beatrice join forces to set things right, and the others join in a dance celebrating the marriages of the two couples.

Antony and Cleopatra William Shakespeare 2009-08-04 A magnificent drama of love and war, this riveting tragedy presents one of Shakespeare's greatest female characters—the seductive, cunning Egyptian queen Cleopatra. The Roman leader Mark Antony, a virtual prisoner of his passion for her, is a man torn between pleasure and virtue, between sensual indolence and duty . . . between an empire and love. Bold, rich, and splendid in its setting and emotions, *Antony and Cleopatra* ranks among Shakespeare's supreme achievements.

GCSE English Literature for AQA Macbeth Student Book Anthony Partington 2015-05-21 A new series of bespoke, full-coverage resources developed for the 2015 GCSE English qualifications. Endorsed for the AQA GCSE English Literature

specification for first teaching from 2015, this print Student Book provides specific set text coverage for the Shakespeare aspect of the specification. With progress at its heart and designed for classroom and independent use, students will build their skills through a range of active learning approaches, including class, group and individual activities. Incorporating differentiated support, activities will also help students develop whole-text knowledge. An enhanced digital version and free Teacher's Resource are also available.

Teaching Shakespeare Rex Gibson 2016-04-30 Teaching Shakespeare has been a major contribution to the knowledge and expertise of all teachers of Shakespeare from primary upwards for two decades. This full-colour second edition is in a larger format, updated to reflect modern classroom practice. It includes new contributions by leading practitioners from Shakespeare's Globe, the Shakespeare Schools Festival, the Shakespeare Birthplace Trust and the Cambridge School Shakespeare editorial team. Teaching Shakespeare makes explicit the 'Active Shakespeare' principles which underpin Cambridge School Shakespeare and includes activities and advice to help teachers develop their existing good practice, making the learning of Shakespeare valuable and enjoyable for all involved.

Othello William Shakespeare 2018-04-05 This third edition of Othello offers a completely new introduction by Christina Luckyj, providing readers with a nuanced understanding of early modern theatre and culture, and demonstrating how careful attention to Shakespeare's language, staging and dramaturgy can open up fresh interpretations of the play. Tracing critical and performance trends up to the present day, Luckyj shows how the drama taps into contemporary cultural paradoxes surrounding blackness, marriage, and politics to create a powerful double perspective, illuminating the creative and destructive power of stories and of human love itself. Supplemented by an updated Reading list and extensive illustrations, this edition also features revised commentary notes, offering the very best in contemporary criticism of this great tragedy.

Shakespeare Beyond Doubt Paul Edmondson 2013-04-18 Did Shakespeare write Shakespeare? This authoritative collection of essays brings fresh perspectives to bear on an intriguing cultural phenomenon.

Hamlet William Shakespeare 2008-08-12 One of the greatest plays of all time, the compelling tragedy of the tormented young prince of Denmark continues to capture the imaginations of modern audiences worldwide. Confronted with evidence that his uncle murdered his father, and with his mother's infidelity, Hamlet must find a means of reconciling his longing for oblivion with his duty as avenger. The ghost, Hamlet's feigned madness, Ophelia's death and burial, the play within a play, the "closet scene" in which Hamlet accuses his mother of complicity in murder, and breathtaking swordplay are just some of the elements that make Hamlet an enduring masterpiece of the theater. Each Edition Includes: • Comprehensive explanatory notes • Vivid introductions and the most up-to-date scholarship • Clear, modernized spelling and punctuation, enabling contemporary readers to understand the Elizabethan English • Completely updated, detailed bibliographies and performance histories • An interpretive essay on film adaptations of the play, along with an extensive filmography

A Midsummer Night's Dream William Shakespeare 2021 A Midsummer Night's Dream is a comedy written by William Shakespeare in 1595/96. The play is set in Athens and consists of several subplots that revolve around the marriage of Theseus and Hippolyta. One subplot involves a conflict between four Athenian lovers.

Another follows a group of six amateur actors rehearsing the play which they are to perform before the wedding. Both groups find themselves in a forest inhabited by fairies who manipulate the humans and are engaged in their own domestic intrigue. The play is one of Shakespeare's most popular and is widely performed.

King Lear William Shakespeare 1868

The Cambridge Shakespeare William Shakespeare 2019-08-29 The Cambridge Shakespeare was published in nine volumes between 1863 and 1866. Its careful editorial principles, attractive page design and elegant typography have withstood the test of time. This text was based on a thorough collation of the four Folios and of all the Quarto editions of the separate plays, the base text being the 1623 Folio. The critical apparatus appears at the foot of the page, but for passages where the Quarto differs significantly the entire Quarto text appears in small type after the received text. Notes at the end of each play explain variants, emendations, and passages of unusual difficulty or interest. Grammar and metre were generally left unchanged by the editors, but punctuation was normalised and nineteenth-century orthography was adopted instead of the variable Elizabethan spelling. In a bold move for a Victorian edition, the editors restored various 'profane' expressions where metre or sense demanded it.

Much Ado about Nothing William Shakespeare 2009-07-20 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. 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.

Shakespeare's Daughters Sharon Hamilton 2010-06-28 The father-daughter relationship was one that Shakespeare explored again and again. His typical pattern featured a middle-aged or older man, usually a widower, with an adolescent daughter who had spent most of her life under her father's control, protected in his house. The plays usually begin when the daughter is on the verge of womanhood and eager to assert her own identity and make her own decisions, especially in matters of the heart, even if it means going against her father's wishes. This work considers Capulet in *Romeo and Juliet* as an inept father to Juliet and Prospero in *The Tempest* as an able mentor to Miranda; Hermia in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Jessica in *The Merchant of Venice* and Desdemona in *Othello* as daughters who rebel against their fathers; Hero in *Much Ado About Nothing*, Lavinia in *Titus Andronicus* and Ophelia in *Hamlet* as daughters who acquiesce; Bianca in *The Taming of the Shrew* and Goneril and Regan in *King Lear* as daughters who cunningly play the good girl role; Portia in *The Merchant of Venice*, Viola in *Twelfth Night* and Rosalind in *As You Like It* as daughters who act in their fathers' places; and Marina in *Pericles*, Perdita in *The Winter's Tale* and Cordelia in *Lear* as daughters who forgive and

heal.

Cambridge Student Guide to Much Ado About Nothing Mike Clamp 2002-08-15 The Cambridge Student Guide to Much Ado About Nothing provides explanatory notes and guidance to help form the basis for the understanding of the play. It is part of a new series aimed at students from 16 years upwards in schools and colleges throughout the English-speaking world. Background information provides support and prompts inquiry for advanced level study by drawing out issues and themes related to the text. The content of each book in the series follows the pattern of an introduction; detailed running commentary on the text; insight into historical, social and cultural contexts; analysis of the language; an overview of critical approaches and different interpretations; essay-writing tips and lists of recommended resources.

Measure for Measure William Shakespeare 1991-06-27 Since the rediscovery of Elizabethan stage conditions early this century, admiration for Measure for Measure has steadily risen. It is now a favorite with the critics and has attracted widely different styles of performance. At one extreme the play is seen as a religious allegory, at the other it has been interpreted as a comedy protesting against power and privilege. Brian Gibbons focuses on the unique tragi-comic experience of watching the play, the intensity and excitement offered by its dramatic rhythm, the reversals and surprises that shock the audience even to the end. The introduction describes the play's critical reception and stage history and how these have varied according to prevailing social, moral and religious issues, which were highly sensitive when Measure for Measure was written, and have remained so to the present day.

Much Ado about Nothing (Folger Shakespeare Library) Barbara Mowat 2021-10-18 Much Ado About Nothing includes two quite different stories of romantic love. Hero and Claudio fall in love almost at first sight, but an outsider, Don John, strikes out at their happiness. Beatrice and Benedick are kept apart by pride and mutual antagonism until others decide to play Cupid. The authoritative edition of Much Ado About Nothing from The Folger Shakespeare Library, the trusted and widely used Shakespeare series for students and general readers, includes: -Freshly edited text based on the best early printed version of the play -Full explanatory notes conveniently placed on pages facing the text of the play -Scene-by-scene plot summaries -A key to the play's famous lines and phrases -An introduction to reading Shakespeare's language -An essay by a leading Shakespeare scholar providing a modern perspective on the play -Fresh images from the Folger Shakespeare Library's vast holdings of rare books -An annotated guide to further reading

Legacy Danielle Steel 2014-12

The Oxford Shakespeare: Much Ado About Nothing William Shakespeare 2008-04-17 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.

Study and Revise for GCSE: Much Ado About Nothing Mike Jones 2016-08-01 Exam Board: AQA, OCR, Edexcel, WJEC, WJEC Eduqas Level: GCSE (9-1) Subject: English literature First teaching: September 2015 First exams: Summer 2017 Enable students to achieve their best grade in GCSE English Literature with this year-round course companion; designed to instil in-depth textual understanding as students read, analyse and revise *Much Ado About Nothing* throughout the course. This Study and Revise guide: - Increases students' knowledge of *Much Ado About Nothing* as they progress through the detailed commentary and contextual information written by experienced teachers and examiners - Develops understanding of plot, characterisation, themes and language, equipping students with a rich bank of textual examples to enhance their exam responses - Builds critical and analytical skills through challenging, thought-provoking questions that encourage students to form their own personal responses to the text - Helps students maximise their exam potential using clear explanations of the Assessment Objectives, annotated sample student answers and tips for reaching the next grade - Improves students' extended writing techniques through targeted advice on planning and structuring a successful essay - Provides opportunities for students to review their learning and identify their revision needs with knowledge-based questions at the end of each chapter

Whistling in the Dark Lesley Kagen 2007 After promising on her father's deathbed to protect her sister, Troo, young Sally O'Malley finds she and her sister are on their own--with their mother hospitalized, their stepfather descending into alcoholism, and their big sister preoccupied with her boyfriend--at the same time that a child molester and murderer is on the loose. Original.

Romeo and Juliet William Shakespeare 1899

Much Ado about Nothing William Shakespeare 1757

Much Ado About Nothing Rex Gibson 2014-01-20 An improved, larger-format edition of the Cambridge School Shakespeare plays, extensively rewritten, expanded and produced in an attractive new design. An active approach to classroom Shakespeare enables students to inhabit Shakespeare's imaginative world in accessible and creative ways. Students are encouraged to share Shakespeare's love of language, interest in character and sense of theatre. Substantially revised and extended in full colour, classroom activities are thematically organised in distinctive 'Stagecraft', 'Write about it', 'Language in the play', 'Characters' and 'Themes' features. Extended glossaries are aligned with the play text for easy reference. Expanded endnotes include extensive essay-writing guidance for 'Much Ado about Nothing' and Shakespeare. Includes rich, exciting colour photos of performances of 'Much Ado about Nothing' from around the world.

Much Ado About Nothing William Shakespeare 2005-06-30

Much Ado about Nothing William Shakespeare 2017-09-28 This is the Classic Book

A School Shakespeare ... William Shakespeare 1928

Shakespeare Made Easy - Twelfth Night William Shakespeare 1998-03-03 Presents the original text of Shakespeare's play side by side with a modern version, discusses the author and the theater of his time, and provides quizzes and other study activities.

Much Ado about Nothing William Shakespeare 1996