



## Twelfth Night - The Student's Shakespeare: With Notes, Characters, Plot and Exam Themes (Paperback)

By William Shakespeare

Geddes Grosset, United Kingdom, 2014. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: N/A. Brand New Book. William Shakespeare's Twelfth Night is a comedy. In medieval and Tudor times, the Twelfth Night was the end of a winter festival that started on 31 October (All Hallows Eve, or as we know it today, Halloween). Mulled cider was drunk, and special pastries baked, and a king and queen (who could have been servants in charge for the night) ruled the festival until the clock struck midnight. People expected a topsy-turvy evening, with singing and clowning about, when the normal order of things was reversed, and the Lord of Misrule symbolised the world turning upside down. Shakespeare's Twelfth Night, with its rebellious gender jokes, crossdressing, practical jokes, daft costumes, moonstruck lovers and comic revenge would have been amusing for audiences. Today we study the play to understand the language and appreciate the play's entertaining nature, and we enjoy the farcical mixing-up of men and women, and the funny characters such as Malvolio. This new edition includes the complete text with explanatory notes, Shakespeare's language, and themes, and also explores typical exam themes and questions.



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