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## Why We Should Still Read Shakespeare

The plots we think of as quintessentially Shakespearean—Romeo and Juliet, Macbeth, Hamlet and King Lear, among others—are based on old stories, histories and myths that he reworked into his own material.

## William Shakespeare

Does the audience know the identity of the Doctor-Judge even if the characters on the stage do not? The plays have been performed in almost every language, on stage and screen and at popular festivals around the world.

## 10 Reasons To Try Reading Shakespeare, If You've Somehow Avoided It Until Now

When we are reading on our own, we must do what each actor does: go over the lines often with a dictionary close at hand until the puzzles are solved and the lines yield up their poetry and the characters speak in words and phrases that are, suddenly, rewarding and wonderfully memorable. Yet, high school and university students are still required to study his plays and sonnets. Watch the glorious Kenneth Branagh version.

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He had also written a book about demology. Again, when Orlando and Adam are on their journey to the woods, it is clear that, in his exhaustion, Adam lies down. While many words are still recognizable today, others have shifted in their meaning or dropped altogether from usage.

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