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My Name is Will: A Novel of Sex, Drugs & Shakespeare

By Jess WINFIELD.

Allen&Unwin, Melbourne, 2008. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 1st Edition. 296pp . [In stock in Australia, for immediate delivery] Our hero, struggling California graduate student Willie Shakespeare Greenberg, is trying to write his thesis about the Bard. Kind of. Cut off by his father for laziness and in desperate for cash, Willie agrees to deliver a single, giant, psychedelic mushroom to a mysterious collector, only to find himself a target in Reagan's War on Drugs. Meanwhile, would-be playwright (and oppressed Catholic) William Shakespeare is 18 and stuck teaching Latin in the boondocks of Stratford-upon-Avon. The future Bard is asked to deliver a contraband box of sacramental wafers blessed by the Pope at a time when Catholics are being hanged and drawn and quartered as traitors. When 1980s Willie, cornered by DEA agents and one too many girlfriends, eats the giant mushroom at a Renaissance Fair, and 1580s William takes his first communion at his own shotgun wedding, their minds and stories merge, allowing each to become the fully-realised Shakespeare he is destined to be. Jess Winfield is a co-founder of the Reduced Shakespeare Company. His full-length show, The Complete Works of William Shakespeare (abridged)' premiered at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in...



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