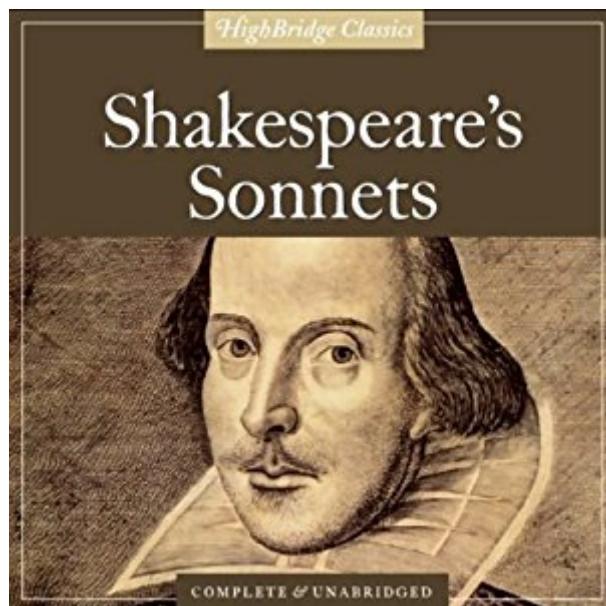


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# Shakespeare's Sonnets



## **Synopsis**

Shakespeare's sonnets are a collection of 154 sonnets, dealing with themes such as the passage of time, love, beauty and mortality. The first 17 poems, traditionally called the procreation sonnets, are addressed to a young man urging him to marry and have children in order to immortalize his beauty by passing it to the next generation. Other sonnets express the speaker's love for a young man; brood upon loneliness, death, and the transience of life; seem to criticize the young man for preferring a rival poet; express ambiguous feelings for the speaker's mistress; and pun on the poet's name. The final two sonnets are allegorical treatments of Greek epigrams referring to the "little love-god" Cupid. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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How would I describe the plot of this book, asks. It has no plot, it's a more-than-brilliant collection of poetry in sonnet form. Which of these words describes the mood? There are many moods -- playful, sexy, profound, intense, even, we are told, occasionally homophilic. I would say my mood was awestruck in the face of such literary genius. How would I describe the pace? Un-put-downable. How would I describe the characters? Given their full due and then some. This economical edition puts a great work of art in hardcopy form for all to enjoy. Strong recommendation.

It is there, the sonnets, all for one to relish the words that ooze with their meanings. What is missing is the interpretations....perhaps, the book intends to present the originals and original as possible,

leaving the meanings and imagery to form as the readers visualise. An excellent book indeed.

This is an easily digestable way to quickly familiarize one's self with Shakey's oeuvre. A lot of the time when watching Shakespeare on stage the speed at which the players must speak leaves little time to truly consider what is said, and thus we have more or less an industry of scholarship surrounding the bard that persists to this day. While I won't be getting a degree of any sort in anything close to theatre, this is still a valuable collection to have on hand (especially at this price). When you're stuck in line or otherwise left indisposed it can be nice to have a quick whiff of Shakespeare a few taps away on your phone's Kindle app.

Very nice presentation of the Bard's Sonnets. I was hoping it would be a more personal celebratory edition for use as a gift for a 97 year old lady who is still writing her own poetry as well as reading the words of the Masters of Literature.

I enjoy Shakespeare's exploration of love and its effect on our perception of the world. Also equally enjoyable is the theme of the importance of the written word. Shakespeare expresses both the necessity and the insufficiency of capturing the depth of human emotion in the written word. At times he is comforted that his love will always be remembered in poetry, but at others he acknowledges that words cannot express her beauty.

As a young career women trying to expand her horizons. I wanted to experience Shakespeare writings because I never understood it in high school. The seller shipped the book out quickly and although there was a misunderstanding with the tracking information, the book arrived within the estimated time and so far my Shakespeare experience has been great, the book deciphers his sonnets in such a good way it takes me to another place with Shakespeare's poetry. Definitely worth the purchase!!

I loved this. Read and listened to these poems. I'm glad they are on my Kindle so I can go back to them anytime, both the favorites I've highlighted, and also to those I didn't completely understand.

For a reason I cannot quite understand I decided to reread literature from my high school years. Some of these sonnets rolled around in my brain in incomplete fashion. This inexpensive paperback served as exactly the brain jogger I needed. If I were a book collector I might not be

happy with an inexpensive paperback, but as someone who just wanted to be reminded of message and meter this edition met my reading and financial needs.

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