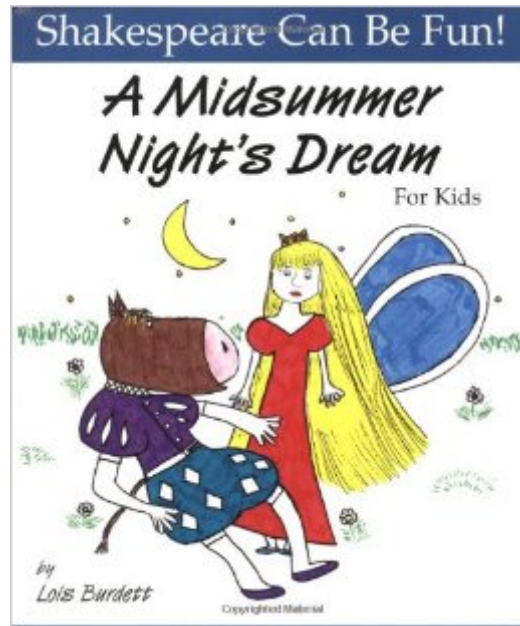


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A Midsummer Night's Dream For Kids (Shakespeare Can Be Fun!)



Synopsis

"Who is William Shakespeare?" For more than 20 years, Lois Burdett has asked that question of her elementary school students in Stratford, Ontario, Canada, leading them on a voyage of discovery that brings the Bard to life for boys and girls ages seven and up. *A Midsummer Night's Dream for Kids*, written in rhyming couplets is suitable for staging as class plays as well as reading aloud.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

I love the works of Shakespeare but I've always thought that children under the age of 11 or 12 wouldn't be able to grasp the complexity both of the stories and of the language. Well, thank goodness Lois Burdett has come to our rescue! It has been her labor of love to rewrite the stories in rhyming couplet. She is quite an accomplished poet and a delight to read. *A Midsummer Night's Dream* is extremely funny. Throughout the book Ms Burdett has included pictures and statements relating to the story that were made by her students. Clearly she makes Shakespeare come alive. I was so impressed with her rendition of this story that I couldn't wait to try it out on my eight year old. He loved it! We have a new Shakespeare fan in our house. I am extremely grateful that these books are available. I plan to purchase them all.

This book is written in rhyme and illustrated with children's drawings. It also contains letters, lists,

and other kinds of writing (for example diary entries) written by children in the character's voices. The rhyme, written by Ms. Burdett, brilliantly explains and clarifies the complicated plot lines of the play and is evocative of Shakespeare's language. The writings by the children make the feelings and thoughts of the character's even more accessible to children. They also model how children can use writing themselves, if they are so inclined, to deepen their comprehension of a piece. As a Reading Specialist and writing teacher, I think this book is extremely valuable as an introduction to "A Midsummer Night's Dream." My granddaughter, who is 8, is currently enrolled in Shakespeare camp and is performing a little scene from this play. She and I have had great discussions and laughs as I read the book aloud to her. This is just one of several books which summarize Shakespeare's plays I am using to familiarize her with the Bard. It is a great beginning for this study and could also stand alone. We loved it.

Great rhyme. Great Read-aloud. The artwork by kids, is kid-friendly, as is the prose. This book gets across the basics of the tale in language that kids can understand. My daughter and I loved it. (She's 10). We enjoyed the little letters that the children wrote -- chuckling over the misspellings. And she enjoyed the mischievous pranks of Puck and lovers' woes. And me... I enjoyed introducing Shakespeare's stories to her. Highly recommend. Pam T~mom

Second graders have written the explanatory notes and illustrated this Shakespeare adaption (with the text done in well adapted iambic pentameter). The system makes Shakespeare fun for kids such as the elementary kids I used it with. But it also gives good literary value. I have enjoyed reading the series myself. jj

Often times, by the time a kid is old enough to tackle Shakespeare (in high school usually) he or she has already been exposed so thoroughly to the idea that "Shakespeare is hard" that it's a drudgery before they even begin. These books help parents and teachers head off that attitude and show them how interesting and fun Shakespeare is before they have a chance to develop a negative attitude. We have both "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and "Macbeth" and I have to give a very sincere BRAVO for these books! My third grader enjoyed both books thoroughly, and I am tickled pink that she's now intrigued by Shakespeare and asking to read more of his "stories." Thank you Ms. Burdett!

Bought this for my 4th grade granddaughter, prior to taking her to see her first Shakespeare play. It

stuck very closely to the original play, not only true to plot, but in verse that was similar to, but easier to Shakespeare's original. We enjoyed reading this together, and she was prepared and excited to see the play. It was done in original Shakespearean form and language, but she was able to not only follow the plot, but to thoroughly enjoy and laugh at it. I'm a retired English teacher, and I will be ordering more of this author's books for other Shakespeare plays !

I bought this so that my 8 year old grand daughter would be prepared to see the play. She enjoyed the book immensely and identified with the children writers and artists whose work illustrates the book. Although a second grader she was able also to recognize the "original" spelling of the children, including learning that the Canadians spell honour with a "u". We've now watched the film of the play and will see the play next week. I'm looking forward to that.

My older daughter (20), who loves Shakespeare, and my younger one (10), who had never read Shakespeare before, read this together out loud and had a ball. They both loved it and want to read more. I thought it was a good introduction to the play and very cleverly written and illustrated.

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