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Gertrude and Claudius are the “villains” of Hamlet: he the killer of Hamlet’s father and usurper of the Danish throne, she his lusty consort, who marries Claudius before her late husband’s body is cold. But in this imaginative “prequel” to the play, John Updike makes a case for the royal couple that Shakespeare only hinted at. Gertrude and Claudius are seen afresh against a background of fond intentions and family dysfunction, on a stage darkened by the ominous shadow of a sullen, erratic, disaffected prince. “I hoped to keep the texture light,” Updike said of this novel, “to move from the mists of Scandinavian legend into the daylight atmosphere of the Globe. I sought to narrate the romance that preceded the tragedy.”

Presents the original text of Shakespeare's play side by side with a modern version.

How can you appreciate Shakespeare when you have no idea what he’s saying?! If you’ve ever sat down with the Bard and found yourself scratching your head at words like Quondam, Younker, or Ebon then this bundled book is just for you! Inside you will find a comprehensive study guide, a biography about the life and times of Shakespeare, and a modern retelling (along with the original text) of Shakespeare’s Hamlet. Each section of this book may also be purchased individually.

Chekhov is a unique force in modern drama. His works have long been cherished for their brilliant wit and unusual ability to provide striking insights into the human condition. In these stunning, individually published translations of three of Chekhov's most popular and beloved plays, Laurence Senelick presents a fresh perspective on the master playwright and his groundbreaking dramas. This volume illuminates the timeless trials of art and love and bring Chekhov's memorable characters to life. Each of these three plays showcases the hallmark features of a Chekhov classic: clashing desires, complex family dynamics, the individual's loss of balance and sense of identity in the shifting eruptions of society and a modernizing Russia, and the angst of artistic struggle and ambition. Supplementing each of the plays are an account of Chekhov's life, a note on the translation, introductions to each work, and variant lines - often removed due to government censorship - which illuminate the context in which they were written and shed light on Chekhov's work as a playwright. These editions are the perfect guides to enriching our understanding of this great dramatist or to staging a production.

Hamlet is the story of the Prince of Denmark who learns of the death of his father at the hands of his uncle, Claudius. Claudius murders Hamlet's father, his own brother, to take the throne of Denmark and to marry Hamlet's widowed mother. Hamlet is sunk into a state of great despair as a result of discovering the murder of his father and the infidelity of his mother. Hamlet is torn between his great sadness and his desire for the revenge of his father's murder. Though yet of Hamlet our dear brother's death
The memory be green, and that it us befitted
To bear our hearts in grief and our whole kingdom
To be contracted in one brow of woe,
Yet so far hath discretion fought with nature
That we with wisest sorrow think on him,
Together with remembrance of ourselves.
Therefore our sometime sister, now our queen,
The imperial jointress to this warlike state,
Have we, as 'twere with a defeated joy,--
With an auspicious and a dropping eye,
With mirth in funeral and with dirge in marriage,
In equal scale weighing delight and dole,--
Taken to wife: nor have we herein barr'd
Your better wisdoms, which have freely gone
With this affair along. For all, our thanks.
Now follows, that you know, young Fortinbras,
Holding a weak supposal of our worth,
Or thinking by our late dear brother's death
Our state to be disjoint and out of frame,
Colleagu'd with the dream of his advantage,
He hath not fail'd to pester us with message,
Importing the surrender of those lands
Lost by his father, with all bonds of law,
To our most valiant brother.

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So much for him. Now for ourself and for this time of meeting: Thus much the business is: we have here writ To Norway, uncle of young Fortinbras,-- Who, impotent and bed-rid, scarcely hears Of this his nephew's purpose,--to suppress His further gait herein; in that the levies, The lists and full proportions, are all made Out of his subject: and we here dispatch You, good Cornelius, and you, "The Spanish Tragedy" by Thomas Kyd. Published by Good Press. Good Press publishes a wide range of titles that encompasses every genre. From well-known classics & literary fiction and non-fiction to forgotten?or yet undiscovered gems?of world literature, we issue the books that need to be read. Each Good Press edition has been meticulously edited and formatted to boost readability for all e-readers and devices. Our goal is to produce eBooks that are user-friendly and accessible to everyone in a high-quality digital format.

A Study Guide for William Shakespeare's "Hamlet," excerpted from Gale's acclaimed Shakespeare for Students. This concise study guide includes plot summary; character analysis; author biography; study questions; historical context; suggestions for further reading; and much more. For any literature project, trust Shakespeare for Students for all of your research needs.

A comprehensive study guide offering in-depth explanation, essay, and test prep for William Shakespeare's Richard II, a political tragedy and historical play set during the Hundred Years' War. As a historical drama of 1595, Richard II contains imaginative descriptions and characterizations of real people in history and balances poetic language with harsh realism. Moreover, Richard II expresses themes of betrayal, leadership, and father-son relationships. This Bright Notes Study Guide explores the context and history of Shakespeare's classic work, helping students to thoroughly explore the reasons it has stood the literary test of time. Each Bright Notes Study Guide contains: - Introductions to the Author and the Work - Character Summaries - Plot Guides - Section and Chapter Overviews - Test Essay and Study Q&As The Bright Notes Study Guide series offers an in-depth tour of more than 275 classic works of literature, exploring characters, critical commentary, historical background, plots, and themes. This set of study guides encourages readers to dig deeper in their understanding by including essay questions and answers as well as topics for further research.

The Tempest is a short play...and a confusing one. There is no one single central plot (there are three main plots that alternate throughout the story). Long story short: it's easy to get lost! And the Shakespearean language doesn't help. If you have struggled in the past reading Shakespeare, then BookCaps can help you out. This book is a modern translation of The Tempest. The original text is also presented in the book, along with a comparable version of both text. We all need refreshers every now and then. Whether you are a student trying to cram for that big final, or someone just trying to understand a book more, BookCaps can help. We are a small, but growing company, and are adding titles every month.

Shakespeare's one of the greatest playwrights of all time—but telling a student this isn't enough. This bundled book is perfect for teachers looking for lesson plans and other resources to get students interested in the Bard. Inside you will find a five day lesson plan, discussion questions, a comprehensive study guide, a biography about the life and times of Shakespeare, and a modern retelling (along with the original text) of Shakespeare's Hamlet. Each section of this book may also be purchased individually.

A Study Guide for Stephen Greenblatt's "Will in the World: How Shakespeare Became Shakespeare," excerpted from Gale's acclaimed Literary Newsmakers for Students. This concise study guide includes plot summary; character analysis; author biography; study questions; historical context; suggestions for further reading; and much more. For any literature project, trust Literary Newsmakers for Students for all of your research needs.

1 Nephi through Mosiah. This volume is the first of three on the Book of Mormon. It covers 1st Nephi through the Book of Mosiah. This

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includes the journey of Lehi and his family across the Arabian Peninsula to Bountiful. It follows them on to the promised land, where the Nephites and Lamanites separated. It contains the marvelous prophecies of Lehi, Nephi, and Jacob. We then read remarks from the book's editor in the words of Mormon, and follow the Nephites until their establishment in the land of Zarahemla under King Mosiah. In all, it covers 508 years of Nephite history up until about 92 BC when the book of Alma began. The cover features a beautiful photograph of the Land Bountiful taken by Scot Facer Proctor.

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Themes: Adapted Classics, Low Level Classics, Graphic Novels, Illustrated, William Shakespeare, Fiction, Tween, Teen, Young Adult, Hi-Lo, Hi-Lo Books, Hi-Lo Solutions, High-Low Books, Hi-Low Books, ELL, EL, ESL, Struggling Learner, Struggling Reader, Special Education, SPED, Newcomers, Reading, Learning, Education, Educational, Educational Books. Hamlet takes place in the early seventeenth century, at the royal castle in Elsinore, Denmark. The theme of the story.. "revenge" ..becomes Prince Hamlet's obsession. His split personality--one of warm, poetic sensitivity, the other, cruel madness--hypnotizes the reader. Other immortal characters such as Claudius, Gertrude, Polonius, Horatio, and Ophelia are just a few in the tradition of Shakespeare's unforgettable characterization. This series features classic Shakespeare retold with graphic color illustrations. Educators using the Dale-Chall vocabulary system adapted each title. Each 64-page, eBook retains key phrases and quotations from the original play. Research shows that the more students read, the better their vocabulary, their ability to read, and their knowledge of the world. Acclaimed as a modern dramatic masterpiece, *Rosencrantz & Guildenstern are Dead* is the fabulously inventive tale of Hamlet as told from the worm's-eye view of the bewildered Rosencrantz and Guildenstern, two minor characters in Shakespeare's play. In Tom Stoppard's best-known work, this Shakespearean Laurel and Hardy finally get a chance to take the lead role, but do so in a world where echoes of *Waiting for Godot* resound, where reality and illusion intermix, and where fate leads our two heroes to a tragic but inevitable end. Tom Stoppard was catapulted into the front ranks of modern playwrights overnight when *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead* opened in London in 1967. Its subsequent run in New York brought it the same enthusiastic acclaim, and the play has since been performed numerous times in the major theatrical centers of the world. It has won top honors for play and playwright in a poll of London Theater critics, and in its printed form it was chosen one of the "Notable Books of 1967" by the American Library Association.

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'None of us know what's going on, Ward. That's the truth of it, but my gut tells me something's afoot. What do you say? Fancy a crack at it?' "Do I have a choice?" asked Ward. 'None at all, ' said the Chief briskly. A year on from the Catfish affair, Mike Ward is back in journalism. Chasing down a lead from an old friend, he is reluctantly dragged back into MI6 as an apparently run of the mill story explodes into violence and he is thrust into an elaborate world-wide web of intrigue and murder. From the English south coast to the avenues of Paris, from the underworld of Marseilles to the mountains of Cyprus, Ward must fight to follow the trail left for him, twist by twist, betrayal by betrayal, by the most devious, most determined enemy he has ever encountered. In the process, it strikes at the very heart of his existence and, as the world lies on the edge of destruction, it becomes clear that at the centre of it all lies a burning need for revenge driven by a past that Ward has tried to forget

A Study Guide for Paul Rudnick's "I Hate Hamlet," excerpted from Gale's acclaimed *Drama For Students*. This concise study guide includes plot summary; character analysis; author biography; study questions; historical context; suggestions for further reading; and much more. For any literature project, trust *Drama For Students* for all of your research needs.

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When an essay is due and dreaded exams loom, this title offers students what they need to succeed. It provides chapter-by-chapter analysis, explanations of key themes, motifs, and symbols, a review quiz and essay topics. It is suitable for late-night studying and paper writing.

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The beloved classic poem by Max Ehrmann. "Be gentle with yourself... You are a child of the universe no less than the trees and the stars. You have a right to be here."

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