



The Seven Ages of William Shakespeare: The Best of the Bard for Beginners

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Indepenpress Publishing Ltd. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, The Seven Ages of William Shakespeare: The Best of the Bard for Beginners, David Hughes, The author, although an experienced teacher, has deliberately avoided an academic approach. In the world of Shakespeare he is a layman, and has written a book to appeal to laymen. William Shakespeare wrote his plays to entertain an audience, and that is how they should be seen in our own day. Nevertheless, members of such an audience may wish, at a later time, to refresh their memories and read the most memorable of those words and scenes over again. To satisfy that need, some of the best of those passages have been assembled to form this book. The plays portray human life in all its variety from the cradle to the grave, a commentary on universal moral situations which is still relevant now, for, as William's friend Ben Jonson said of him; 'he was not of an age, but for all time'. Shakespeare stands supreme as a dissector of human nature, because he describes us truthfully as a mixture of would-be-good aspirations modified by a weakness for 'cakes and ale'. As he put it; 'the web...



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