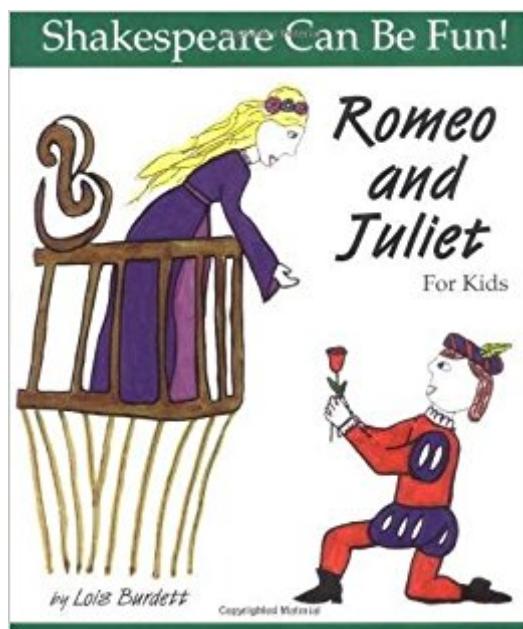


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# Romeo And Juliet For Kids (Shakespeare Can Be Fun!)



## **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. *Romeo and Juliet for Kids*, written in rhyming couplets is suitable for staging as class plays as well as reading aloud.

## **Book Information**

Age Range: 7 - 10 years

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Series: Shakespeare Can Be Fun!

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## **Customer Reviews**

Gr 1-4-Once again, Burdett has produced a jaunty version of a Shakespeare work that grew from an intensive project with her elementary school students. The central text, composed of labored, uneven couplets, is the least appealing part of the book. Naive drawings, done by the students, are colored with clear, bright markers. Lively written additions from the second and third graders, such as Juliet's diary entries or reports from Verona citizens in response to the feud, show how well immersion in the play can lead to a good understanding by younger children. While readers elsewhere might enjoy a look at their contemporaries' drawings, it seems unlikely that they would derive even a fraction of the understanding of the play and its importance that Burdett's students got from the project. It wouldn't hurt, though, for teachers seeking inspiration to take a look at what can be achieved with enthusiasm and a strong belief in your source.-Sally Margolis, Barton Public

Keep[s] intact the essence of Shakespeare while telling an exciting story that will keep kids' attention.... Highly recommended. (Carol Burbridge Library Talk 1999-05-01)Gets inside the nature and motivations of these adult play characters some might think too remote from children's lives. (John Warren Stewig American Alliance for Theatre and Education 2000-01-01)Highly recommended. Contains quotes as well as classroom activities. (Cathlyn Thomas Library Media Connection 2015-05-01)

As a Shakespeare teacher (to college students) I wanted to introduce the plays to my seven year old son in an accessible and age appropriate way. Burdett's books work for three reasons 1) She retells the tales in rhyme--children will immediately connect with the musicality of verse 2) She maintains the integrity of the original play --yes, we get characterizations true to Shakespeare's themes though the plot is considerably condensed 3) She captures the emotional dynamics of love, conflict, even death in a way that is honest but with softer edges for a child's intellect.4) Okay, I said three but one of the more charming aspects of the series are the drawings from child readers expressing their vision of the play's characters and themes. My son always responded to the art and felt inspired that many of the artists-readers were his age. Great job Lois Burdett. Thank you!

My eight year old son and I took turns reading the pages of Romeo and Juliet. He and I both were excited and interested in the story not that we were reading and learning great Shakespeare. ( a very nice way to sneak in great works of art) This series of Shakespeare for children books is an excellent way to introduce your younger children ( especially boys) to a little more sophisticated literature without any fuss.

one of the best ways to expose young children to Shakespeare's work

This is an excellent series for children, particularly from first through fifth grade. My daughter is beginning to ask for these for birthday and Christmas

Bought this for our 7 year old grand daughter. She loved it! Great way to introduce children to Shakespeare

Great condensed version for kids. It tells the story in verse reminiscent of the original, but much shorter and easier to follow. I read it, with much discussion, with my 5 year old great book fun

I bought Romeo & Juliet and Macbeth for my five year old and he really likes them. They are illustrated with drawings by children and include little interpretations by them on every page which really interests my son. He likes to know the names and ages of the kids who contributed and enjoys seeing their actual class photograph at the end of book. We read it together and the mix of Shakespearean writing with the kids writing is a good balance. I will be buying the rest of the series.

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