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One night two young couples run into an enchanted forest in an attempt to escape their problems. But these four humans do not realize that the forest is filled with fairies and hobgoblins who love making mischief. When Oberon, the Fairy King, and his loyal hobgoblin servant, Puck, intervene in human affairs, the fate of these young couples is magically and hilariously transformed. Like a classic fairy tale, this retelling of William Shakespeare's most beloved comedy is perfect for older readers who will find much to treasure and for younger readers who will love hearing the story read aloud.

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## **From Reader Review William Shakespeare's: A Midsummer Night's Dream (Shakespeare Retellings, #2) for online ebook**

### **Teri says**

GREAT!!! Illustrations could have been better, but the story is well told and my 8 year old laughed and laughed. I'm surprised how well she followed the plot.

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### **Bethany Huang says**

This is a very dramatic love story about two men, one named Demetrius, one named Lysander, and two girls, one named Helena, and one named Hermia. Hermia loves Lysander, and wants to marry him, even though her father doesn't like him and wants her to marry Demetrius. Helena loves Demetrius, but is jealous of Hermia because he loves her and not Helena. The fairies cast chaotic love spells that cause much trouble, as well as trouble for the fairies, not just Lysander and Demetrius and Helena and Hermia.

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### **Kimberly says**

A lovely illustrated introduction to the original play. Joy and beautifully illustrated!!

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### **Teresa says**

I just bought this for my mom. She doesn't know the story of the play and wants to, as my nephew was recently cast in a kid's version of the play as Oberon. Of course, I had to read it first before bringing it to her.

A complicated plot is told here in a clear fashion; very nice illustrations too.

I knew what author to go to for this because I'd bought Coville's version of Macbeth when my son was cast in an adult production of that play when he was only eight (as Macduff's son) and I wanted him to know the story of the play he was acting in.

Part of a great series of Shakespeare retellings, enriching for both kids and adults.

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### **Hannah says**

I have been a fan of Mr Shakespeare for quite a while now. So when I wandered across this cute little picture book in my local library, I knew I needed to give it a go.

I have heard many great opinions on A Midsummer Night's Dream, and although I haven't read the original, I have read a couple of books that feature the characters from this. The Iron King and the Ruby the Red Fairy books (from my VERY earlier years... like when I was 5) are two examples. Nevertheless, I loved this book!

Adorable illustrations and a nicely translated story was all I needed to enjoy this book, and both were clearly displayed!

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### **Trace says**

I know that there is a whole slew of people who object to reading adaptations and abridged versions of classics. And for a mature audience, I'm against abridged versions too..... but I've chosen to use adaptations, re-tellings and abridged versions of certain classics with my son as a first exposure.... I've done this with Homer's Odyssey and the Iliad - and he will tell you that the Odyssey is his all time favorite story. Mission accomplished - when he's older and ready to tackle Homer - he'll do so with fond memories and a bit of knowledge with which to work from...instead of feeling intimidated!

I'm choosing to do the same thing with Shakespeare... my strategy will be to introduce a child's adaptation and then to watch a child-friendly production as an introduction to some of the Bard's works.... hoping that he'll grow up knowing that he loves Shakespeare...

Bruce Coville's adaptation of A Midsummere's Night Dream was fantastic... the pictures were captivating and the wording gave just the perfect flavor as a first intro to this play! I look forward to reading more of his adaptations!

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### **Ben says**

This was my first and favorite Shakespeare, hands down. Looking back, this was an odd pick for a seventh grade English teacher, but who am I to judge? Plus it got me really interested in Mr. Bill. This play remains my favorite because of its sense of humor that is still as funny now as it was then, even though I did not understand half of it when I originally read it. The sexual references and such went over my head. Really, I simply loved the "fun" of this play. William went ahead and included faeries and all matter of interesting characters from Puck to Nick Bottom the man with an ass' head. Goodtimes.

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### **Willow says**

Not only beautifully illustrated, this retelling of Shakespeare's play is clear enough for my 4 year old to understand and enjoy. The writing is elegant, but not babyish, and the main plot points are all present. My daughter could read and get new things out of it for years.

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### **Shannon Brasher says**

What a fantastic book to introduce younger readers to the works of William Shakespeare in a way that is easily understandable. I love the fact that younger readers do not have to wait until they are in high school to begin reading such classic literature as Shakespeare. I found this book easy to follow along with the story and that it was not so condensed that the reader misses out on the spirit of a Shakespeare play. I would recommend this book for any child and would be an excellent addition to any library.

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**Sue Lilienthal says**

Great intro for my 7/8th grade students before reading the real thing.

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**Karen says**

Fantastic retelling of Shakespeare play! Great illustrations that help kids (and parents) keep the characters straight. Perfect book to introduce Shakespeare to children and getting them ready for reading the true play in his words. I would love to own a copy of this book it was that good..krb 11/8/17

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**Lisa says**

As a child, I remember reading children's versions of Homer's Odyssey. In college, I read the real thing and I can remember not just the joy of reading the stories again, but how easy it was to comprehend the text. So I am a big fan of reading adaptations to my children, especially when they enjoy them tremendously. Because they will form a strong, positive opinion of that story so when they come across the real thing, it will not daunt them. This is a great retelling of Shakespeare's Midsummer. It is one of my top 5 favorite of his plays so it was very important to me that my children like it. They loved this story. I'll get back to you in 8 years when they read the real thing.

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**Candy Sparks says**

Why didn't I ever read this before? My sister is in love with William Shakespeare and raves about his writing. She will have your high school students read the books constantly. I love the story. It was cute and devilish. It also was easy to follow. Easy read and fun!

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**Heidi says**

Nice pictures, but I feel slightly morally opposed to a retelling of Shakespeare.

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**Becky says**

...And the illustrations are lush and gorgeous!

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