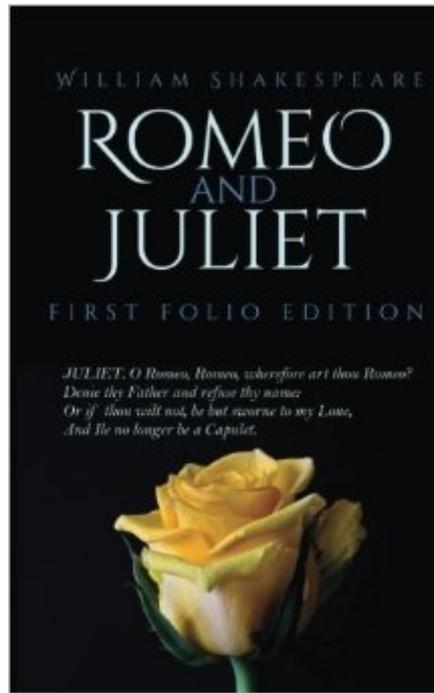


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## Synopsis

Tensions are high in Verona, Italy, as the Capulets and the Montagues quarrel over an old grudge. Romeo, the only son of the Montagues, is listless and heartbroken over Rosalind, who scorns his love. Romeo's cousin Benvolio is determined to break Romeo's gloom, and convinces him to gate-crash the Capulets' annual feast. Romeo doesn't want to go--but when he learns that Rosalind will be there, he agrees to attend. Meanwhile, Juliet, the only child of the Capulets, is being pursued by the aristocratic Paris. When Romeo and Juliet meet unexpectedly at the feast, they settle their heart's choice on each other at once. They meet secretly at night, and make plans to marry, but the hatred between the families is fixed. When Juliet's cousin Tybalt sets out for Romeo's blood, Romeo must face an impossible choice. Will the hate of the two lovers' families prove stronger than their love?

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## Customer Reviews

This book is what it says it is--a translation. It provides modern text opposite the page featuring the original text. For mere translational purposes, this book can't be beat. It claims to include "plenty of helpful commentary," but I found such comments to be lacking! Act 1 has sixteen comments and Act 2 has twenty-three, but from here on out, the numbers dwindle. There are no comments in all of Act 5, only two in all of Act 3, and only three in Act 4. That's only forty-four comments for a book some two hundred pages long! Perhaps there wasn't much cause for commentary, or some Acts (such as 3) were pretty short, but I would have liked some and felt it would have helped--plus SparkNotes made me expect a comment to be on every page! Naturally, I was disappointed by this, especially

considering the book highlights this feature on its cover. Plenty of things my teacher clued my classmates and me in on weren't in the book. For example, when Romeo buys the poison from the poor apothecary in Mantua, he gives the apothecary a "ducat." My teacher said a ducat is a gold coin; from the text I couldn't infer this, and there was no note from SparkNotes to explain for me. The book also advertises its character analysis, which is in fact quite shallow and brief, providing little if any real insight. I wasn't expecting some college-level examination of Romeo and Juliet, but I was expecting to receive what was promised on the book cover--and I didn't expect what was promised to be skimpy! In addition, I swear some of the translations aren't correct. Just inferring from the text, I came up with more probable translations than the book did at times.

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