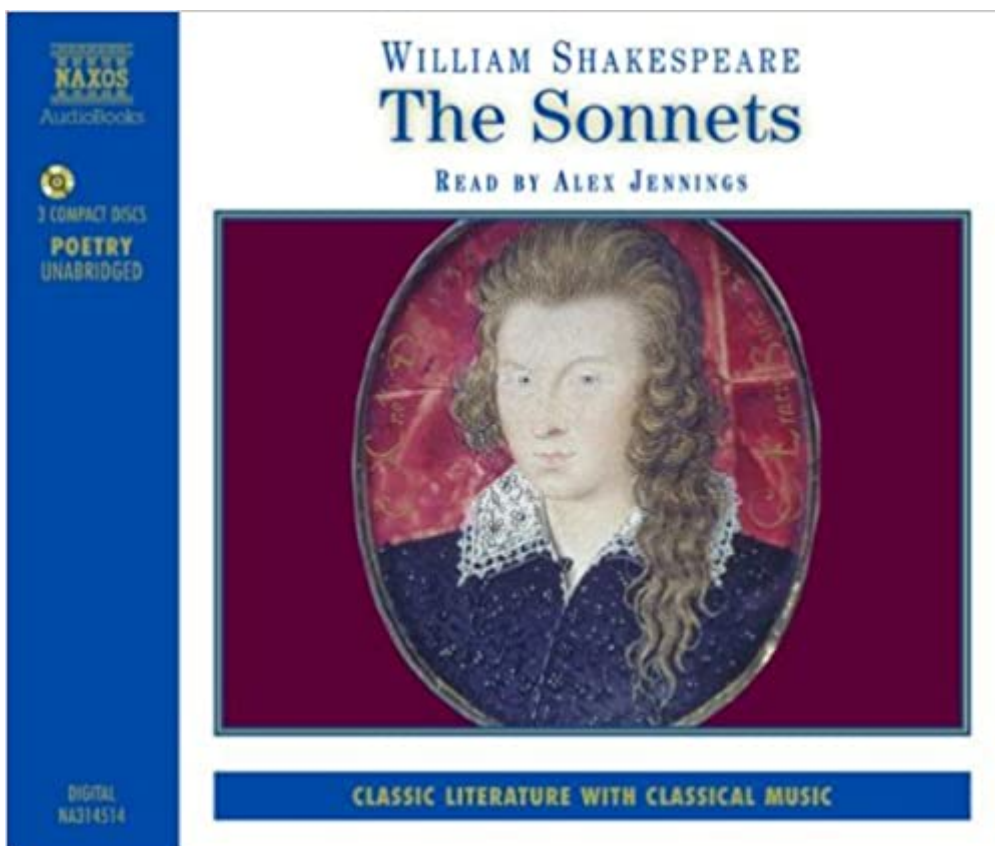


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# The Sonnets (Classic Poetry)



## Synopsis

This new edition focuses on the Sonnets as poetry - sometimes strikingly individual poems, but often subtly interlinked in thematic, imagistic and other groupings. Gwynne Evans and Anthony Hecht also address the many questions that cast a veil of mystery over the genesis of the Sonnets: to what extent are they autobiographical? What is the nature of the 'love', strongly expressed, between the 'poet', the 'youth' and the 'Dark Lady'? Can they, apart from the poet, be identified? Who is the 'rival poet'? When were the Sonnets written and in what order? What were the circumstances surrounding their publication?

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## Customer Reviews

Shakespeare is again the hottest ticket in town: he has been voted the person of the millennium in Great Britain, while an Oscar-nominated film about his love life is burning up box offices. Along with being the world's greatest playwright, his unparalleled genius for rhyme and meter make him also one of the greatest poets, evidenced by the 154 sonnets he penned throughout his life. This beautiful hardcover offers them all, with illustrations and an index of first lines. A real top-shelf edition. Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

"The whole job has been conscientiously and capably done. Gibson strikes an appropriate tone and

register. As a school textbook of the sonnets this volume could hardly be bettered." Shakespeare Quarterly --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

How would I describe the plot of this book, asks. It has no plot, it's a more-than-brilliant collection of poetry in sonnet form. Which of these words describes the mood? There are many moods -- playful, sexy, profound, intense, even, we are told, occasionally homophilic. I would say my mood was awestruck in the face of such literary genius. How would I describe the pace? Un-put-downable. How would I describe the characters? Given their full due and then some. This economical edition puts a great work of art in hardcopy form for all to enjoy. Strong recommendation.

It is there, the sonnets, all for one to relish the words that ooze with their meanings. What is missing is the interpretations....perhaps, the book intends to present the originals and original as possible, leaving the meanings and imagery to be formed as the readers visualize. An excellent book indeed.

This is an easily digestible way to quickly familiarize one's self with Shakespeare's oeuvre. A lot of the time when watching Shakespeare on stage the speed at which the players must speak leaves little time to truly consider what is said, and thus we have more or less an industry of scholarship surrounding the bard that persists to this day. While I won't be getting a degree of any sort in anything close to theatre, this is still a valuable collection to have on hand (especially at this price). When you're stuck in line or otherwise left indisposed it can be nice to have a quick whiff of Shakespeare a few taps away on your phone's Kindle app.

Very nice presentation of the Bard's Sonnets. I was hoping it would be a more personal celebratory edition for use as a gift for a 97 year old lady who is still writing her own poetry as well as reading the words of the Masters of Literature.

I enjoy Shakespeare's exploration of love and its effect on our perception of the world. Also equally enjoyable is the theme of the importance of the written word. Shakespeare expresses both the necessity and the insufficiency of capturing the depth of human emotion in the written word. At times he is comforted that his love will always be remembered in poetry, but at others he acknowledges that words cannot express her beauty.

As a young career woman trying to expand her horizons. I wanted to experience Shakespeare

writings because I never understood it in high school. The seller shipped the book out quickly and although there was a misunderstanding with the tracking information, the book arrived within the estimated time and so far my Shakespeare experience has been great, the book deciphers his sonnets in such a good way it takes me to another place with Shakespeare's poetry. Definitely worth the purchase!!

I loved this. Read and listened to these poems. I'm glad they are on my Kindle so I can go back to them anytime, both the favorites I've highlighted, and also to those I didn't completely understand.

For a reason I cannot quite understand I decided to reread literature from my high school years. Some of these sonnets rolled around in my brain in incomplete fashion. This inexpensive paperback served as exactly the brain jogger I needed. If I were a book collector I might not be happy with an inexpensive paperback, but as someone who just wanted to be reminded of message and meter this edition met my reading and financial needs.

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