

1: Shakespeare | The Shakespeare blog

*In this study, T. G. Bishop examines ways in which wonder has been used by playwrights as an integral part of theater in classical and medieval drama and explores wonder in Shakespeare's work through extended readings of *The Comedy of Errors*, *Pericles* and *The Winter's Tale*.*

He helped shape the English we use today, introducing up to words and dozens of well-known phrases. His plays are known around the world for their universal themes and insight into the human condition. Yet much about the playwright is a mystery. It was usual for christenings to take place on the third day after birth. He was born during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I, who had recently converted England to Protestantism. William was the third of eight children, though his two elder siblings did not survive childhood. Attendance records from this time have been lost. It is likely that he began his education at the age of six or seven. As his father was now a bailiff, young William probably attended the local grammar school. Its curriculum emphasised Greek classics and pupils also learned plays in Latin. Religious education was also important, and Shakespeare drew on these sources in his later work with classical and religious allusions. Shakespeare probably attended school until about age 14. There is no record of him going to university. Francesco da Mosto investigates how plausible it is that Shakespeare could have visited Venice. Shakespeare married the year-old Anne Hathaway, in when he was 18. She was already three months pregnant with their first child. The baptisms of his three children are the last record of him for seven years, known as his lost years. At some point Shakespeare went to London, leaving his family in Stratford, and established himself as a playwright and actor. A century later his first biographer suggested he fled to London to escape punishment for deer poaching. However, no records have been found of his activities in these years. The next known record of Shakespeare appears after he was already a playwright in London. Drama in Elizabethan theatre shifted from the religious to the secular and companies of players formed to entertain the public under the patronage of noblemen. Scholars suggest the application showed he was now a successful businessman as much as a talented playwright. He that wants money, means, and content is without three good friends. That year the author Francis Meres singled him out from a group of English writers as "the most excellent" in both comedy and tragedy. His work attracted royal attention; he acted in several performances before Queen Elizabeth I. Others suggest Richard II criticised her as it describes the overthrowing of a monarch. The wonder of our stage. James Shapiro on the building of the Globe. The king and the playwright: A Jacobean history BBC 4, The group built their own theatre called the Globe, and Shakespeare owned a 10% share. This made him even wealthier. He invested in property in Stratford and London, and records of his purchases survive. In he bought the second biggest house in Stratford for his family, as well as acres of farmland and a cottage. Later, he bought property to let in London, showing his business acumen. James Shapiro explains the changes Shakespeare faced after King James took the throne. King Lear, Act 1, Scene 1 Around this timeâ€¦

2: Staff View: Wonder in Shakespeare /

In Shakespeare and the Theatre of Wonder, T. G. Bishop argues that wonder provides a turbulent space, rich at once in emotion and self-consciousness, where the nature and value of knowing is brought into question.

Sir Thomas Kempe "did indeed have a son named William; [2] however, the claim that this William Kempe was the actor cannot be correct, since he was buried at Wye church on 27 March Honneyman, "9; Bannerman, 3; private information, A. Nonetheless, this putative connection might help explain the otherwise surprising story" dramatized in the play *The Travailes of the Three English Brothers by Day, Rowley, and Wilkins* that when William Kemp the actor was in Italy in he had an encounter with the celebrated traveller Sir Anthony Shirley: Nashe dedicated this work to Kempe, calling him "vicegerent general to the ghost of Dick Tarlton. Because title-pages were a means to draw attention to a book, the mention of Kempe suggests that he had become an attraction in his own right. Critics have generally viewed the scene in which Kempe performs as rather flat Collier, 97 and it is assumed that the scene provided a framework within which Kempe could improvise. Two of these have survived. In February and March , he undertook what he would later call his "Nine Days Wonder", in which he morris danced from London to Norwich a distance of over a hundred miles in a journey which took him nine days spread over several weeks, often amid cheering crowds. Later that year he published a description of the event to prove to doubters that it was true. Parish records record the death of "Kempe, a man" in St. Saviour , Southwark , late in While this is not necessarily the comedian, the record fits his departure from the documentary record. Performance style[edit] In his time, Kempe was as famous for his stage jigs as for his acting in regular drama. Jigs had plots, often bawdy, but the emphasis was on dancing and physical comedy. Examples of the jigs may be seen in the manuscript collection of John Dowland now in the Cambridge University Library. The tune has received a number of modern renditions, including those by Jan Akkerman and Gryphon. As an actor, Kempe is certainly associated with two roles: In the quarto text of the latter, and in both quarto and First Folio text of the former, he is identified in speech prefixes and stage directions. Falstaff is a more ambiguous case. Though Falstaff presents some features of an Elizabethan dramatic clown, his character is higher in class and more complex than the other roles with which Kempe is associated. In period fiction[edit] Kempe appears as a character in *The Return from Parnassus, or The Scourge of Simony* , possibly written during his lifetime or very shortly after his death. In it he praises Shakespeare for outdoing university-educated playwrights. He is ousted from the troupe and replaced by Robert Armin when they think he has betrayed their involvement in the Essex Rebellion. In fact Armin is the informer, who has framed Kempe to replace him.

3: BBC - iWonder - William Shakespeare: The life and legacy of England's bard

Shakespeare and the theatre of wonder. [Tom Bishop] -- Playwrights through history have used the emotion of wonder to explore the relation between feeling and knowing in the theatre. In Shakespeare and the Theatre of Wonder, T.G. Bishop argues that.

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4: William Kempe - Wikipedia

Shakespeare and the Theatre of Wonder by T G Bishop starting at \$ *Shakespeare and the Theatre of Wonder* has 2 available editions to buy at Alibris.

Bishop combing the plays for miracles and James Biester finding the key to Renaissance courtly poetry in its strategies for eliciting astonishment. Back home, Jonathan Bate is gobsmacked by the sheer Genius of Shakespeare. For Aristotelians die chief justification for wonder is that it provokes intelligent and probing curiosity: And what position should we adopt in relation to the supreme conjuring tricks of the Complete Works themselves? Some of the critics represented here are far more comfortable with the Aristotelian view of how to appreciate marvels than others. Platt and Bishop treat Aristotle more or less as the villain of their respective pieces, seeking to claim Shakespeare for alternative views, some of which are derived from late medieval Italian literary theorists, which let the wonderful stay numinously wonderful. Platt is particularly keen on Francesco Patrizi, though the chances of Shakespeare having even heard of him, let alone having read his unpublished treatise on *la maraviglia*, seem slender. Their animus against the rational, though, often seems to have less to do with the Middle Ages than with the New Age. He is particularly good on the dangers young would-be courtiers ran into in the s when the dominant literary modes for pursuing advancement shifted from love poetry and pastoral to a mock-rebellion centred on satires, epigrams and the wilfully obscure. Sir John Hoskyns, for example, features here not only as a pioneer of nonsense but as a quick wit imprisoned in the Tower for seditious quips. Inspiring amazement by the use of an epistemologically destabilising style might be altogether too close to inspiring dismay as an equivocating malcontent. Biester is fascinating, too, on the decline of this literary and social milieu under James and Charles whose court masques sought a royal monopoly on the wonderful , and his conclusion clearly exemplifies the connections between poetic style and social formation: In a sense, admirable lyric wit was the flamboyant finale of courtier poetry, its flameout before extinction. If the rise of absolutism seems merely coincident with the fall of witty wonder, it is worth remembering that more than a style disappeared in the middle of the 17th century, that the methods of a new mechanistic philosophy were brought to bear on more than the natural landscape: What went on around the literary edges of the court is one thing, though, and what went on in the public playhouses quite another, however the two worlds interpenetrated. Their books, impressive as they are, are defined less by their interest in the way a distinctively Shakespearean version of wonder arose from its social and historical context than by their desire to preserve that wonder from the threat of any explanation at all. In this respect *Reason Diminished* and *Shakespeare and the Theatre of Wonder* can both be seen as blowing the gaff on a central aspect of New Historicism, the critical school which is their chief influence. Both these studies acknowledge the direct influence of Greenblatt: In *Reason Diminished*, the opposition between the irreducibly wonderful and the explicably Aristotelian is perpetually turning, sometimes inadvertently, into other, more familiar antitheses – the sublime versus the merely beautiful, magic versus science, the visual versus the verbal, the subversive versus the contained. The disagreement over the primacy of images and ritual on the one hand and the pure, unadorned Word on the other provides another version of the philosophical and literary debates we have already examined. Ten years ago one might have dismissed this as a throwback to the days of C. Lewis and his like, when the attempt to find Catholic allegory in the late romances was a recognised minority sport, but in the late Nineties it suddenly looks like the critical craze of the moment. It would be a mistake, nonetheless, to overlook *Shakespeare and the Theatre of Wonder*. Consider, for instance, the large number of phrases that condense crucial moments of entire plays in a stark and baffling paradox that demands to be understood, and, even more surprisingly, that we think we can and do understand: It is equally true, though, that few will not feel that Bishop here rests a great deal of interpretation on a very small amount of dialogue the poor boy only appears in two scenes, and of his 13 speeches only one is more than two lines long , and the amount of textual evidence on which both Bishop and Platt base their arguments is worrying on the larger scale too. The apparent petrification of the fertile Hermione is an appropriate endpoint, however. The Genius of Shakespeare avoids topic-fixated close-reading in favour of an attempt to understand the Shakespeare

phenomenon, recognising the need for a student introduction capable of making sense at once of the life, the works and the afterlife. In short, this is not only an accessible but a genuinely interesting book, and deserves the wide readership at which it is clearly aimed. This said, however, *The Genius of Shakespeare* fails to achieve its full promise, partly because it is often digressive at the expense of what is in any case a pretty miscellaneous structure, and partly because not all of its digressions are anything like as good as the passages I have just mentioned. And she would find it hard to resist the advances of the Earl As perhaps he did: Bate appears here, as elsewhere, to have been the victim of his own facility: Their common project, in an academic world increasingly run according to the canon-defying logic of the free market, seems to be to make critical capital out of the Bard without appearing complicit in his belittling commodification. The anxiety, though, is groundless: Shakespeare and the Shakespeare effect are of course wonderful, and these books are in different ways acute at showing exactly how:

5: The Wonder of Will: Performances and Talks | Folger Shakespeare Library

Additional resources for Shakespeare and the Theatre of Wonder Example text As Paul Fry insists: "it is much the same, though never wholly the same, whether one speaks of nature or art, author or audience; or whether one speaks.

In lieu of an abstract, here is a brief excerpt of the content: Each production created a distinctive spell. Troilus revealed paradise within a wilderness of war. Romeo and Juliet summoned a dream. As You Like It presented four Graces whose songs invoked time and eternity. Uniting the mundane and the otherworldly, each of these inventions achieved transcendence. This brief unexpected flash spoke to his larger-than-life-king, who, this night, roused the wet audience to heroic fellowship. Directed by Joseph Haj, Henry did not merely condemn but personally executed Bardolph, whose errors he had condoned in his own rascally youth. Tufts seized Bardolph, wrestled him to the floor, and choked his thrashing body. Then, kneeling in grief, he embraced the lifeless flesh that his hands had stilled. On this stage soldiers brawled with one another, snorted cocaine, and discharged automatic weapons to no apparent purpose. When the company grunted the prologue, punctuating it with lewd curses and stamping feet, the theater filled with cacophony. The beautiful Raffi Barsoumian and Tala Ashe met at a blue octagonal fountain, kissed, and exchanged oaths. Flowers drifted upon them. The sky turned azure and cerise. Inhabiting a private Eden, these actors conveyed serenity. Though manic hysteria would characterize their parting, their initial calm foiled the dominant clamor assaulting the audience. Troilus and Cressida is far removed from Romeo and Juliet. With the Trojan lovers Shakespeare exposes a love that breaks faith; with Romeo and Juliet he celebrates a love stronger than death. Together Williamson and Melrose enforced this message in effects suggesting dreams. Williamson staged Romeo and Juliet in the Angus Bowmer Theatre as a dream remembered by an "ill-divining soul. You are not currently authenticated. View freely available titles:

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Shakespeare stylistically moves both the characters and the audience from loss to reunion, and from confusion to recognition, culminating in their mutually shared experience of wonder. It is thus the interplay of plot, theme, language and stylistic form that is used to construct what is really the emotional state of wonder in Pericles.

8: Shakespeare Theatre Company | Season - Shakespeare Theatre Company

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