

The Tempest

William Shakespeare

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The Tempest tells the story of Prospero, the rightful duke of Milan, and how, through his magic and manipulation, he has made it so that everything that occurs in this book goes his way. He lives on an island with his only child, Miranda, Caliban, his servant, and his other magical assistants, since his brother betrayed him. Prospero caused a tempest, or a large storm, to occur in the ocean, causing his brother, his father, and a prince, along with other members of the ship, to become scattered on the island. The rest of the book then proceeds to describe how Miranda and the prince fall in love, how Caliban worships the drunken members from the ship, and how Prospero aims to control everything so he gets what he wants and had before.

I have always loved Shakespeare's works, and *The Tempest* is no exception. It is not as famous as some of his other plays and poems, but it is still a good read and one I would recommend to anyone who can understand his older English (even better if the book has good footnotes). There are mentions of alcohol and there are some passages that mention some other adult themes, so I think teenagers and older should read this.

Recommended Titles

Twelfth Night by William Shakespeare

King Lear by William Shakespeare

Doctor Faustus by Christopher Marlowe