

***Romeo And Juliet***

**William Shakespeare**

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Forbidden love, the fire that spurs young men into doing the most outrageous and dangerous things in their lives. It is the catalyst for a dormant heart to awaken into a torrent of reckless flames that will stop at nothing to reach what they desire. Everything and everyone standing in its way shall burn and lay broken upon the ground behind the ever so slowly proceeding flames. It will reach its destination in the end, and whether it burns out there or blossoms into the most beautiful flower, everyone will remember, fear, and envy its power. Love is this very fire we speak of, everlasting and powerful, and *Romeo and Juliet* describes its power and wrath in exquisite detail. It is an amazing book for all those who love romance and is widely popular and therefore easy to find. It can be rather hard to understand what is happening in the original, but there are several versions translated into modern tongue. This story has lasted over four centuries, and if you read it, you will understand why. The story will hook you on and reel you into the dramatic world of Shakespeare, unless you already have been drawn in by his stories. If you have been drawn in already by other writings of his, well then this is a must-read, for it is one of his best in many people's opinion. This is a huge classic and many people enjoyed it.

This is not recommended for people of all ages, because many teenagers are drawn away by its complexity and lack of action. Numerous little children enjoy the simplified version and many an adult found it an interesting and particularly suspenseful story. Not to mention, it is a requirement for many high school students to read it, and teenagers who saw it through to the end found that they enjoyed it and wanted it to continue.

If I had to rate it on a scale of 1-10, I would rate it about a 9, for it is very entertaining and brilliantly written. I have not personally read any of Shakespeare's other works, but based on popular opinion, I would also recommend *Taming of the Shrew*, *Hamlet*, and *Macbeth* to people who enjoyed this book.