

Romeo and Juliet

William Shakespeare

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The famous novel *Romeo and Juliet* by William Shakespeare, is a love story about a man and a woman who are madly in love with each other but are not able to be with each other. To sum it up, they are a part of two families, the Montague's and the Capulet's. Both these families have an old feud with each other and have nothing to do with each other. Romeo, a Montague, first finds Juliet, a Capulet, at a ball. When they lock eyes, they fall in love. Little do they know they are a part of families with a great feud between them. Throughout the story, they try to pursue each other in attempts to be with each other. Romeo tries many tactics such as sneaking into Juliet's bedroom but they realize that they cannot be with each other. As the story continues, Juliet gets stuck into an arranged marriage with someone she does not want to be. She instead wants to be with Romeo. Juliet talks to someone and obtains a potion that puts her to sleep so she can fake her death and get out of the arranged marriage. She attempts to send a messenger to inform Romeo of her plan but that messenger fails to reach Romeo in time. Romeo finds Juliet's lifeless body and kills himself. Once the potion wears off, Juliet awakens to find Romeo's dead body lying next to her. In a moment of panic and grief she also kills herself ending the story.

Overall, I love this story because it is not only for people who love romantic stories but for people who love action too. This novel is filled with excitement that will keep you at the edge of your seat. Overall there was nothing that I did not like about the drama and I highly recommend this book to read.

This drama targets an audience of about age 14 and up. The romance and love in this story is a bit complicated and hard to understand for anybody under that age, it would simply bore them to death. Also the literature and degree of English is perfect for a high school English class to read and study. I highly recommend this book for high school or even college teachers for them to present to their class. This book is also perfect for a gift to someone who loves literature. It will keep them busy and entertained for a good while. This is a great read for young adults and beyond and I believe that you must read this at least once in your lifetime. Other books I recommend reading after this: Hamlet, Macbeth and A Mid Summer Night's Dream.