

Macbeth

William Shakespeare

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This Scottish play is about the story of Macbeth and his descent into madness. When Macbeth is given a prophecy by three witches, he does all in his power to make it come true, including murder. From these murders, Macbeth's paranoia and madness comes into light, where he continues to kill to keep others from knowing the truth. His wife's association with one murder also drives her to insanity, causing some to wonder if the play is about Macbeth only or if it is a tale of himself and his wife. The murders all come down to Macbeth wanting to be a king, as told in the prophecy, and his wife wanting to be queen and the best for her husband. The play ends with them both dead, Lady Macbeth killing herself and Macbeth being slain by Macduff, the Thane of Fife.

While it is a harder play to understand due to the time it was written, it is a brilliant play, and I expected nothing less from one of Shakespeare's works. I would recommend it for teenagers and up because of the content as well as comprehension. There are other copies of this play in modern day English as well.