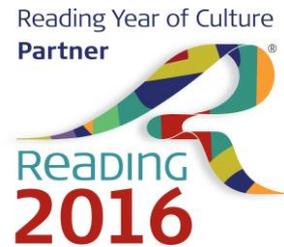




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Book group - list of some Shakespeare resources

2016 is the 400th anniversary of the death of William Shakespeare and our book group in March falls in Shakespeare week so this month we are looking at books and other resources to introduce the playwright to a young audience who may not be quite ready for the plays themselves.

1. **Shakespeare** (Eyewitness) makes a good source of information about the life and times of Shakespeare (new 2015 edition).
2. **The comedy, history and tragedy of William Shakespeare** by Anna Claybourne provides a colourful introduction to some of Shakespeare's most well-known plays and the time in which he was writing. Fully illustrated throughout by Adria Meserve. (Franklin Watts)
3. Michael Rosen's **What's so Special About Shakespeare** (illustrated by Sarah Nayler and published by Walker) is a very readable analysis of what makes his writing so popular around the world. Essentially an information book, but great for reading aloud! Recently Michael made some podcasts based on the book - check them out on YouTube.
4. **What on Earth Wallchart Timeline of Shakespeare** by Christopher Lloyd is a visual introduction to all thirty-eight comedies, histories and tragedies on a detachable two metre fold-out timeline, complete with a magnifier for poring over every detail.
5. Marcia Williams has produced two books of retellings of some of Shakespeare's best known plays in comic strip format (published by Walker). **Mr William Shakespeare's Plays** and **Bravo, Mr Shakespeare** feature 14 of the best known plays between them.
6. The **Manga Shakespeare** series published by SelfMadeHero provides an excellent way in to Shakespeare for teenagers and includes *Romeo and Juliet*, *Macbeth* and *Twelfth Night*.
7. **Shakespeare: The Animated Tales** is a DVD of short animated adaptations (written by Leon Garfield) of 12 of the best known plays, with voices supplied by famous actors.
8. **The Shakespeare Stories** is a collection, which can be bought together or individually, of retellings of many of the plays, written by Andrew Matthews and illustrated by Tony Ross (published by Orchard).
9. **King of the Shadows** by Susan Cooper is an atmospheric time-slip story which takes a young actor back in time to the Globe theatre where he meets the King of Shadows himself, William Shakespeare.
10. Anthony Horowitz takes readers back to 1593 in his exciting thriller **The Devil and his Boy**. Meet Shakespeare, Queen Elizabeth and other real life characters alongside hero orphan Tom Falconer as he tries to save queen and country.