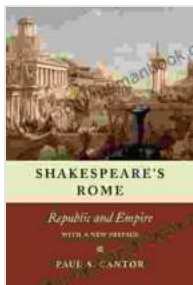


Shakespeare's Plays and the Roman Republic and Empire

William Shakespeare's plays are full of references to the Roman Republic and Empire. This is not surprising, as the Roman Republic and Empire were two of the most important political and cultural forces in the Western world during Shakespeare's lifetime. Shakespeare's plays reflect the fascination that his contemporaries had with the Roman world, and they use Roman history and culture to explore a wide range of themes, including politics, power, ambition, and love.

Shakespeare's first play to deal with Roman history was *Titus Andronicus*, which was written in the early 1590s. *Titus Andronicus* is a tragedy that tells the story of a Roman general who is tricked into killing his own children by his enemies. The play is full of violence and gore, and it reflects the dark and brutal side of Roman history.



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Shakespeare's next play to deal with Roman history was *Julius Caesar*, which was written in 1599. *Julius Caesar* is a tragedy that tells the story of the assassination of Julius Caesar. The play is a political thriller that explores the themes of ambition, power, and betrayal. *Julius Caesar* is one of Shakespeare's most famous plays, and it is still performed today.

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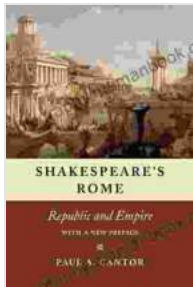
Shakespeare's final play to deal with Roman history was *Coriolanus*, which was written in 1608. *Coriolanus* is a tragedy that tells the story of a Roman general who is exiled from Rome. The play is a political drama that explores the themes of pride, ambition, and revenge. *Coriolanus* is one of Shakespeare's most complex plays, and it is still performed today.

Shakespeare's plays about the Roman Republic and Empire are some of his most famous and enduring works. These plays explore a wide range of themes, including politics, power, ambition, love, and loss. They are full of memorable characters and dramatic tension, and they continue to be performed today.

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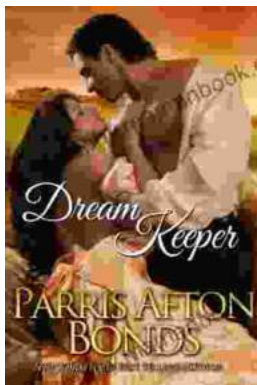
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