King Lear (No Fear Shakespeare)
Synopsis

No Fear Shakespeare gives you the complete text of King Lear on the left-hand page, side-by-side with an easy-to-understand translation on the right. Each No Fear Shakespeare contains:

- The complete text of the original play
- A line-by-line translation that puts Shakespeare into everyday language
- A complete list of characters with descriptions
- Plenty of helpful commentary

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Customer Reviews

************Spoilers! King Lear, by William Shakespeare was an unpleasant play because of its predictable plot, hard to understand language, and it didn't intrigue me. The plot of King Lear was predictable. First, you could tell Edgar was going to be banished. What else would happen when Edmund, the illegitimate child is evil, and needs his brother gone to inherit anything? So, right away you get a sense that something will happen to him. But, Edgar has the sense of importance to the story, so you know he is not going to die. Then, look what happened to King Lear when he went out into the storm. His daughters that were already mad at him wouldn't think twice about locking him out to make him fend for himself. After that, Cordelia had been banished at the beginning and she is the only one that has not been dramatically impacted and was loyal to her father. So, she naturally tried to help him during the battle and got caught. Sadly, she was hung by a servant. Finally, once Edmund took his father's place, he immediately got attention from Goneril and Regan. Regan, whose husband just died was best suited for him. Goneril was jealous, and even though she was still married she would do anything for Edmund. With the way the characters are set
up it makes a very predictable plot. Shakespeare is to many, glorified for his brilliant writing. To me, the language is hard to understand. To begin, there have been multiple places that I have found myself lost in what’s going on. Here are a few examples of what the words are like. In Act 4, Scene 2 Oswald said “when I informed him, then he called me sot and told me I had turned wrong side out.” It’s just another day with a throbbing brain trying to decipher the text of King Lear.

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