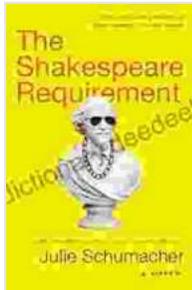


# The Shakespeare Requirement: A Novel of Love, Loss, and the Power of Words



## The Shakespeare Requirement: A Novel by Julie Schumacher

★★★★☆ 4.3 out of 5

Language	: English
File size	: 1055 KB
Text-to-Speech	: Enabled
Screen Reader	: Supported
Enhanced typesetting	: Enabled
X-Ray	: Enabled
Word Wise	: Enabled
Print length	: 312 pages



The Shakespeare Requirement is a novel by Julie Berry that tells the story of a young woman named Juliet who is forced to confront her grief and find her own voice through the works of William Shakespeare. After her father's death, Juliet is sent to live with her aunt in a small town where she is required to take a Shakespeare class. At first, she resists, but eventually she begins to find solace in the words of the Bard. Through Shakespeare's plays, Juliet learns about love, loss, and the power of words.

The Shakespeare Requirement is a beautifully written novel that explores the power of literature to heal and inspire. It is a story that will resonate with anyone who has ever experienced loss or who has struggled to find their own voice.

## Characters

- **Juliet:** The protagonist of the novel, Juliet is a young woman who is grieving the death of her father. She is sent to live with her aunt in a small town where she is required to take a Shakespeare class.
- **Aunt Cora:** Juliet's aunt is a strict and religious woman who believes that Shakespeare is a dangerous influence. She forbids Juliet from reading his plays.
- **Mr. Evans:** Juliet's Shakespeare teacher is a passionate and knowledgeable man who helps Juliet to discover the power of words.
- **Romeo:** A young man who Juliet meets in her Shakespeare class. He is charming and handsome, and Juliet is immediately drawn to him.

## Themes

- **Love:** The Shakespeare Requirement is a story about love in all its forms. Juliet learns about love through her relationships with her family, friends, and Romeo. She also learns about the power of love to heal and inspire.
- **Loss:** Juliet is grieving the death of her father when the novel begins. She must learn to cope with her loss and find a way to move on. The Shakespeare Requirement explores the different ways that people grieve and the importance of finding support during difficult times.
- **The power of words:** The Shakespeare Requirement is a novel about the power of words. Juliet finds solace in the words of Shakespeare's plays. She learns that words can be used to express emotions, heal wounds, and inspire change.

## Setting

The Shakespeare Requirement is set in a small town in the United States in the early 20th century. The novel's setting is important because it reflects the social and cultural values of the time. The town is a conservative and religious community where Shakespeare is seen as a dangerous influence. This setting provides a backdrop for Juliet's journey of self-discovery.

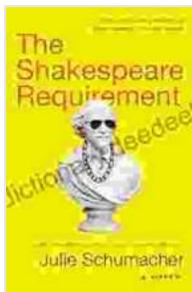
## Reviews

The Shakespeare Requirement has received critical acclaim from both readers and critics. The novel has been praised for its beautiful writing, its complex characters, and its thought-provoking themes. Here are a few excerpts from reviews of the novel:

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- "Julie Berry has crafted a masterpiece with The Shakespeare Requirement. This novel is a must-read for anyone who loves literature, history, or simply a good story." - The Washington Post
- "The Shakespeare Requirement is a powerful and moving novel that will stay with you long after you finish reading it. It is a story about love, loss, and the power of words that will touch your heart and soul." - NPR

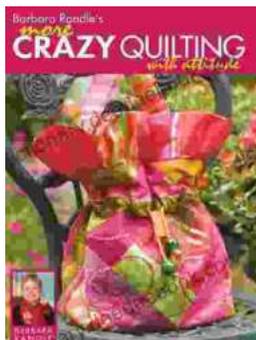
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