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focusing on a period c 1577 1594 that is often neglected in elizabethan theater histories this study considers shakespeare s involvement with the various london acting companies before his membership in the lord chamberlain s men in 1594 locating shakespeare in the confusing records of the early london theater scene has long been one of the many unresolved problems in shakespeare studies and is a key issue in theatre history shakespeare biography and historiography the aim in this book is to explain analyze and assess the competing claims about shakespeare s pre 1594 acting company affiliations schoone jongen does not demonstrate that one particular claim is correct but provides a possible framework for shakespeare s activities in the 1570s and 1580s an overview of both london and provincial playing and then offers a detailed analysis of the historical plausibility and probability of the warring claims made by biographers ranging from the

earliest sixteenth century references to contemporary arguments full chapters are devoted to four specific acting companies their activities and a summary and critique of the arguments for shakespeare s involvement in them the queen s men strange s men pembroke s men and sussex s men a further chapter is dedicated to the proposition shakespeare s first theatrical involvement was in a recusant lancashire household and a final chapter focuses on arguments for shakespeare s membership in a half dozen other companies most prominently leicester s men shakespeare s companies simultaneously opens up twenty years of theatrical activity to inquiry and investigation while providing a critique of shakespearean biographers and their historical methodologies

the impetus for this approaches to teaching volume on the taming of the shrew grew from the editors desire to discover why a play notorious for its controversial exploration of conflicts between men and women and the challenges of marriage is enduringly popular in the classroom in the performing arts and in scholarship the result is a volume that offers practical advice to teachers on editions and teaching resources in part 1 materials while illuminating how the play s subtle and complex arguments regarding not just marriage but a host of other subjects modes of early modern education the uses of clever rhetoric intergenerational and class politics the power of theater are being brought to life in college classrooms the essays in part 2 approaches are written by english and theater instructors who have taught in a variety of academic settings and cover topics including early modern homilies and music hollywood versions of the taming of the shrew and student performances

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was shakespeare really the original genius he has appeared to be since the eighteenth century a poet whose words came from nature itself the contributors to this volume propose that shakespeare was not the poet of nature but rather that he is a genius of rewriting and re creation someone able to generate a new language and new ways of seeing the world by orchestrating existing social and literary vocabularies each chapter in the volume begins with a key word or phrase from shakespeare and builds toward a broader consideration of the social poetic and theatrical dimensions of his language the chapters capture well the richness of shakespeare s world of words by including discussions of biblical language latinity philosophy of language and subjectivity languages of commerce criminality history and education the gestural vocabulary of performance as well as accounts of verbal modality and shakespeare s metrics an afterword outlines a number of other important languages in shakespeare including those of law news and natural philosophy

this companion provides a full introduction to the poetry of william shakespeare through

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this volume adds a new dimension to authorship studies by linking the editorial tradition to the transformative reception of early modern authors and their works across time aleida auld argues that the editorial tradition provides privileged access to the reception of early modern literature informing our understanding of certain reconfigurations and sometimes helping to produce them between their time and our own at stake are reconfigurations of oeuvre and authorship the relationship between the author and work the relationship between authors and the author s own role in establishing an editorial tradition ultimately this study recognizes that the editorial tradition is a stabilizing force while asserting that it may also be a source of strange and provocative reconceptions of early modern authors and their works in the present day scholars and students of early modern literature will benefit from this approach to editing as a form of reception that encompasses all the editorial decisions that are necessary to put forth a text

philosophical shakespeares focuses on and encourages the growing dissolution of boundaries between literature and philosophy the approach is interdisciplinary and includes problem centred readings of particular plays

this informative volume explores william shakespeare s a midsummer night s dream through the lens of sexuality the book examines shakespeare s life and influences and offers readers a series of essays for consideration on topics related to sexuality such as the notions of the war between the sexes taboo sexuality and the marginalization of women s sexuality the text also offers readers contemporary perspectives on topics related to sexuality such as adolescent sexuality the categorizing of people into sexual classifications and sex education

shaping shakespeare for performance the bear stage collects significant work from the 2013 blackfriars conference the conference sponsored by the american shakespeare center brings together scholars actors directors dramaturges and students to share important new work on the staging practices used by william shakespeare and his contemporaries the volume s contributors range from renowned scholars and editors to acclaimed directors highly trained actors and budding researchers the topics cover a similarly wide range a close reading of an often cut scene from henry v meets an account of staging pregnancy a meticulous review of early modern contract law collides with an analysis of an actor in a bear costume an account of printed punctuation from the 1600s encounters a study of

audience interaction and empowerment in king lear the identification of candid doubling in a comedy of errors meets the troubling of gender categories in the roaring girl the essays focus on the practical applications of theory scholarship and editing to performance of early modern plays

freedom and dialogue in a polarized world argues that our most cherished ideas about freedom being left alone to do as we please or uncovering the truth have failed us they promote the polarized thinking that blights our world rooted in literature political theory and mikhail bakhtin s theories of language this book introduces a new concept dialogic freedom this concept combats polarization by inspiring us to feel freer the better able we are to see from the perspectives of others to say that freedom is dialogic is to apply to it an idea about language if you and i are talking i anticipate from you a response that could be friendly hostile or indifferent and this awareness helps determine what i say if you look bored or give me a blank stare i might not say anything at all in this sense language is dialogic the same can be said of freedom our decisions take into account the voices of others to which we feel answerable and these voices coauthor our choices in today s polarized world prevailing concepts of freedom as autonomy and enlightenment have encouraged us to take refuge in echo chambers among the like minded whether the subject is abortion terrorism or gun control these concepts encourage us to shut out the voices of those who dare to disagree we need a new way to think about freedom freedom and dialogue in a polarized world presents riveting moments of choice from homer s iliad dante s inferno shakespeare s merchant of venice milton s paradise lost melville s benito cereno dostoevsky s the brothers karamazov kafka s in the penal colony and morrison s beloved in order to advocate reading for and with dialogic freedom it ends with a practical application to the debate about abortion and an invitation to rethink other polarizing issues for more information please visit dialogicfreedom weebly com

this book reconsiders the celtic revival by examining appropriations of shakespeare using close readings of works by arnold dowden yeats and joyce to reveal the pernicious manner in which the discourse of anglo irish cultural politics informed the critical paradigms that mediated the reading of shakespeare in ireland for a generation

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