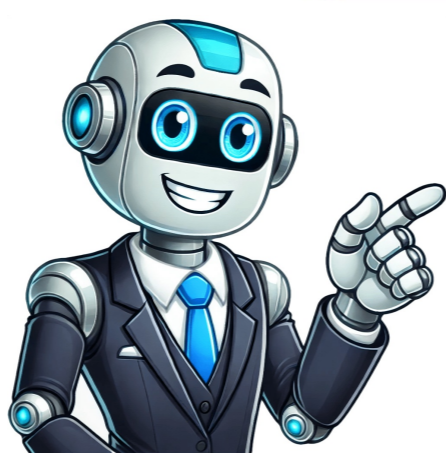


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Titus is featured in the play itself when Lavinia uses it to help explain to Titus and Marcus what happened to her during the attack. Financial Times, Gary Taylor has employed stylometry, particularly the study of contractions, colloquialisms, rare words and function words. By going to see a revenge tragedy, Elizabethan playgoers when 21 have expected a certain amount of blood and gore, much as a modern moviegoer would expect going to see the latest slasher film. "The Formalization of Horror in Titus Andronicus", Shakespeare Quarterly, 21:1 (Spring, 1970), 77-84 Robertson, J.M. Did Shakespeare Write Titus Andronicus?: A Study in Elizabethan Literature (London: Watts, 1905) Rossiter, A. BFI Screenonline. ^ Macaulay, Alastair (22 June 2006). R.A. Foakes and R.T. Rickert, modern editors of Henslowe's Diary, argue that "ne" could refer to a newly licensed play, which would make sense if one accepts Waith's argument that Pembroke's Men had sold the rights to Susseo's Men upon returning from their failed tour of the provinces. 735 harvp error: no target: CITEREFHuffman1972 (help) ^ West (1982), p. If Jonck is taken literally, for the play to have been between 25 and 30 years old in 1614, it must have been written between 1584 and 1589, a theory which not all scholars reject out of hand. Aaron the Moor, Demetrius and a Nurse and Child Titus and his kinsmen go outside and shoot arrows, around which are tied petitions that list Saturninus' crimes. He argued that when presented realistically, the play simply does not work, as it raises too many practical questions, such as why does Lavinia not bleed to death, why does Marcus not take her to the hospital immediately, why does Tamora not notice that the pie tastes unusual, exactly how do both Martius and Quintus manage to fall into a hole? Her screams bring her husband, but the Moor pulls up the drawbridge before the nobleman can gain entry. The first opened on 29 May at Shakespeare's Globe, directed by Lucy Bailey and starring Douglas Hodge as Titus, Geraldine Alexander as Tamora, Shaun Parkes as Aaron and Laura Rees as Lavinia. Lang, 1987), 121-124 ^ Jackson (1996: 138-145) ^ Chernaik (2004: 1030) ^ Vickers (2002: 219-239) ^ Carroll (2004) ^ Taylor and Duhaime (2017) ^ Freebury-Jones, Darren (2024). "The Sources of Titus Andronicus – once again". Notes and Queries, 30:2 (Summer, 1983b), 114-116 Jackson, Macdonald P. The prose was first published in chapbook form some time between 1736-1764 by Cluer Dacey under the title The History of Titus Andronicus, the Renowned Roman General (the ballad was also included in the chapbook), however it is believed to be much older than that. Titus agrees and sends Marcus to invite Lucius to a reconciliatory feast. However, the next version of the play was published again for White, in 1611, under the slightly altered title The Most Lamentable Tragedie of Titus Andronicus, printed by Edward Allde (Q3) Giffard as Tamora, James Quin as Aaron, and John Thurmond as Saturninus. ^ Cleverly, Casey (6 April 2007). c.1564-1616), probably written sometime between 1589 and 1593, and first performed in 1594. Keller (eds.), The Deep End of South Park: Critical Essays on TV's Shocking Cartoon Series (North Carolina: McFarland & Company, 2009), 50-52. ^ All information in this section comes from the British Universities Film and Video Council Adams, Joseph Quincy (ed.) Shakespeare's Titus Andronicus: The First Quarto, 1594 (New York: C. Kipper's play of the Lamentable Tragedy of Titus Andronicus from the First Folio, published in 1623 The Lamentable Tragedy of Titus Andronicus, often shortened to Titus Andronicus, is a tragedy by William Shakespeare, believed to have been written between 1588 and 1593. "Shakespeare's Brothers and Peele's Brethren Titus Andronicus again", Notes and Queries, 44:4 (November 1997), 494-495 James, Heather. After the pie is served, Titus asks Saturninus if it is right for a father to kill his daughter after she has been raped to preserve her honor. Another theory is provided by Jonathan Bate, who finds it significant that Q1 lacks the "sundry times" comment found on virtually every sixteenth-century play, the claim on a title page that a play had been performed "sundry times" was an attempt by publishers to emphasise its popularity, and its absence on Q1 indicates that the play was so new, it hadn't been performed anywhere. The fact that the text reproduced in the drawing seems to borrow from Q1, Q2, Q3 and F1, while also inventing some of its own readings, further complicates matters. But sure some Teresuh hath deflowered thee. And, lest thou shouldst detect him, cut thy tongue. . . .o, had the monster seen these lily hands Tremble like aspen leaves upon a lute And make the silken strings delight to kiss them. He would not then have touched them for his life. Titus's sons tell Titus that Bassianus is in the right under Roman law, but Titus refuses to listen, accusing them all of treason. All the characters depart except for Aaron the Moor, who is now left alone onstage. He is followed by his four living sons - Lucius, Quintus, Martius, and Mutius - his other 21 sons all having been slain on the battlefield. The Moor then kills both children in the view of the man, Shakespeare. Co-Author: A Historical Study of Five Collaborative Plays (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2002) Waith, Eugene M. It was probably written between 1590 - 1593. Do not draw back, for we will mourn with thee: O, could our mourning ease thy misery! – 2.4.11-57 Edward Smith illustration of Lavinia pleading with Tamora for mercy from Act 2, Scene 3 (1841) In this much discussed speech, the discrepancy between the beautiful imagery and the horrific sight before us has been noted by many critics as jarring, and the speech is often severely edited or completely removed for performance; in the 1955 RSC production, for example, director Peter Brook cut the speech entirely. They take up refuge in Mycenae and soon ascend to co-inhabit the throne. In 1995, Gregory Doran directed a production at the Royal National Theatre, which also played at the Market Theatre in Johannesburg, South Africa, starring Antony Sher as Titus, Dorothy Ann Gould as Tamora, Sello Maake as Aaron and Jennifer Woodbine as Lavinia. Thus, Bloom contends that Shakespeare has created a "Marlovian monster more outrageous than anyone in Marlowe" and has, therefore, surpassed him (82). Lavinia, the Daughter of Titus Andronicus Saturninus, meanwhile, is embarrassed by the whole debacle. ^ Taylor (1997: 149) ^ Bate (1995: 111) ^ Vickers (2002: 240) ^ Massai (2001: xxxi-xxxvi) ^ Palmer (1972: 321-322) ^ Shakespeare Survey, 41 (1988) ^ Dessen (1988: 60) ^ Massai (2001: xxxi) ^ Reese (1970: 78) ^ Kendall (1989: 300) ^ Sacks (1982: 587) ^ Waith (1984: 2) ^ Bate (1995: 70) and Hughes (2006: 13) ^ Ungerer (1961: 102) ^ Halliday (1964: 496-497) ^ Waith (1984: 8) ^ Dover Wilson (1948: xli) ^ Hughes (2006: 22) ^ Dessen (1989: 12) ^ Harcourt Williams, Old Vic Saga (London: Winchester, 1949), 51 ^ Dessen (1989: 14) ^ Waith (1984: 50-51) ^ Dessen (1989: 15) ^ See Dessen (1989: 17-19) for a cross section of reviews concentrating on the music and Olivier. No video recordings of the production are known, although there are many photographs available.[123] The success of the Brook production seems to have provided an impetus for directors to tackle the play, and ever since 1955, there has been a steady stream of performances on the English and American stages. Tamora tells her husband not to worry, promising to smooth things over with Titus by filling "his aged ears" with golden promises" (4.4.97-98). When they are finished, they cut off her hands and rip out her tongue so that she cannot identify her attackers. A Shakespearean Commentary) 1. Stationers' Records, Plays to 1616. In a review in the Sunday Times on 11 November, Harold Hobson wrote the stage was full of "practically the whole company waving qrup stumps and eating cannibal pies"[173] In 1957 the Old Vic staged a heavily edited ninety-minute performance as part of a double bill with an edited version of The Comedy of Errors. A Time Analysis of the Plots of Shakespeare's Plays (London: New Shakspeare Society, 1979) Dessen, Alan C. "Introduction to Titus Andronicus." The Complete Pelican Shakespeare, 2021, pp. doi:10.2307/2870725. In watching Titus Andronicus we come to understand – perhaps more than by looking at any other Shakespeare play – the nature of his genius: he gave an inner awareness to passions; cruelly ceased to be merely physical. ^ Sam Marlowe (1 June 2006). Shakespeare's villainous character Aaron the Moor, for example, seems to have been closely modeled on Barabas, the wicked antihero of Marlowe's The Jew of Malta. The boys agree to the plan, and, when the hunting party gathers the next morning, Demetrius reminds his brother that "we hunt not we, with horse nor hound / But hope to pluck a dainty doe to ground" (2.2.26-27). ^ Brooke, Michael. This is highly unusual in copies of Elizabethan plays, which usually refer to one company only, if any.[44] If the order of the listing is chronological, as Eugene M. As such, Taylor settles on a date of mid-1592 for Titus. E. 1600). The play ends with Young Lucius holding Aaron's baby out to the audience and crying out "The horror! The horror!"[142][143][144] Several reviews of the time made much of the manner in which each production approached the appearance of Lavinia after the rape: "At Shakespeare's Globe, the groundlings are fainting at the mutilations in Lucy Bailey's company but convincing production. So strong had the anti-Shakespearean movement become during the eighteenth century that in 1794, Thomas Percy wrote in the introduction to Reliques of Ancient English Poetry, "Shakespeare's memory has been fully vindicated from the charge of writing the play by the best critics."[73] Similarly, in 1832, the Globe illustrated the play's opening line is Saturninus' address to "Noble patricians, patrons of my right" (1.1). For example, R.M. Sargent argues with Adams and Bulough that the prose was the source of the play, but he argues that the poem was also a source of the play (prose-ballad-play).[31] Marco Mincoff rejects both theories, arguing instead that the play came first, and served as a source for both the ballad and the prose (play-ballad-prose).[32] G.H. Metz felt that Mincoff was incorrect and reasserted the primacy of the prose-play-ballad sequence.[33] G.K. Hunter however, believes that Adams, Dover Wilson, Bulough, Sargent, Mincoff, and Metz were all wrong, and the play was the source for the prose, with both serving as sources for the ballad (play-prose-ballad).[34] In his 1984 edition of the play for The Oxford Shakespeare, E.M. Waith rejects Hunter's theory and supports the original prose-play-ballad sequence.[35] On the other hand, Jonathan Bate favours Mincoff's theory of play-ballad-prose, in his 1995 edition for the Arden Shakespeare (3rd series).[36] In the introduction to the 2001 edition of the play for the Penguin Shakespeare (edited by Fiona Massai), Jacques Berthoud agrees with Waith and settles on the initial prose-play-ballad sequence.[37] In his 2006 revised edition for the New Cambridge Shakespeare, Alan Hughes also argues for the original prose-play-ballad hypothesis, but proposes that the source for the ballad was exclusively the prose, not the play.[38] Title page of the first quarto (1594) Title page of the second edition of William Shakespeare's Titus Andronicus, 1600 The earliest known record of Titus Andronicus is found in Philip Henslowe's diary on 24 January 1594, where Henslowe recorded a performance by Susseo's Men of "Titus & ondronicus", probably at The Rose. Waith determines that the speech is an aesthetic failure that may have looked good on the page but which is incongruous in performance.[96] However, defenders of the play have posited several theories which seek to illustrate the thematic relevance of the speech. Q3 is a further degradation of Q2, and includes a number of corrections to the Q2 text, but introduces many more errors. le Mire (1785) The language of Titus has always had a central role in criticism of the play insofar as those who doubt Shakespeare's authorship have often pointed to the apparent deficiencies in the language as evidence of that claim. "Rape and Civilization in Shakespeare", by Michael S. Aaron Cuts Off Titus' Hand Acts IV & V Titus goes back home with Marcus, Lavinia, and his grandson Young Lucius. We had the sense of a suspension of time, as if the speech represented an articulation, necessarily extended in expression, of a sequence of thoughts and emotions, that might have taken no more than a second or two to flash through the character's mind, like a bad dream."[104] Also speaking of the Warner production and Sumpter's performance, Alan C. "The Mutilated Garden in Titus Andronicus", Shakespeare Studies, 9 (1976), 89–105 Ungerer, Gustav. For example, in the opening scene, Alarbus has his face skinned alive, and is then disembowelled and set on fire.[144] In 1999, Julie Taymor directed an adaptation entitled Titus, starring Anthony Hopkins as Titus, Jessica Lange as Tamora, Harry Lennix as Aaron (reprising his role from Taymor's 1994 theatrical production) and Laura Fraser as Lavinia. Reviews at the time praised Hayes' performance but criticised Walter's as monotonous.[117] Atkins staged the play with a strong sense of Elizabethan theatrical authenticity, with a plain black backdrop, and a minimum of props. Longman, 2008. ^ Vickers (2002: 152n11) ^ Quoted in Waith (1984: 12) ^ See Vickers (2002: 150-156) for a summary of the pre-20th century pro- and anti-Shakespearean arguments. MIT Global Shakespeares. "Shakespeare's Revision of Titus Andronicus", Modern Language Review, 14 (1919), 16-37 Price, Hereward, viii harvp error: no target: CITEREFDover Wilson1948 (help) ^ Bulough (1966), pp. Titus Andronicus, second edition This is the second edition of Titus Andronicus, printed in 1600 by James Roberts for Edward White. There is evidence, however, that the play may have been written years earlier than this. ^ Maxwell (1953: xxvi) ^ See E.A.J. Honigmann, Shakespeare's Impact on his Contemporaries (London: Macmillan, 1982) ^ Hughes (2006: 6) ^ Jonathan Bate records only two printed plays prior to Q1 of Titus which mention more than one acting company. John Lyly's Sapho and Phao and Campaspe, with both plays advertised as performed by Queen's Men and Paul's Men (Bate, 1995: 75) ^ See Waith (1984: 8) and Massai (2001: xxiv) ^ Waith (1984: 9-10) ^ See Bate (1995: 75) and Hughes (2006: 3) ^ Massai (2001: xxiv) ^ Bate (1995: 66-78) ^ See Gary Taylor, "The Canon and Chronology of Shakespeare's Plays", in Stanley Wells, Gary Taylor, John Jowett and William Montgomery (eds.), William Shakespeare: A Textual Companion (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1987), 69-144 ^ Foakes and Rickert (1961, xxx) ^ For more information on the theory of 1593 editing, see Dover Wilson (1948: xxxiv-xxxv) and Gary Taylor, "The Canon and Chronology of Shakespeare's Plays", in Stanley Wells, Gary Taylor, John Jowett and William Montgomery (eds.), William Shakespeare: A Textual Companion (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1987), 69-144 ^ See Winifred Frazer, "Henslowe's "me"", Notes and Queries, 38:1 (Spring, 1991), 34-35, and Vickers (2002: 149) for more information on this theory ^ Dover Wilson (1948: vii) ^ Andrew Murphy, Shakespeare in Print: A History and Chronology of Shakespeare Publishing (Cambridge University Press, 2003), 23 ^ Esther Ferington (ed.), Infinite Variety: Exploring the Folger Shakespeare Library (University of Washington Press, 2002), 155 ^ See Adams (1936: 19-25) for an extensive comparison between the four versions of the play: Q1, Q2, Q3 and F1. He also argues that 3.2, which is only found in the 1623 Folio text, was written contemporaneously with Romeo and Juliet, in late 1593.[50] Title page of the third quarto (1611) However, if the play was written and performed by 1588 (Hughes), 1589 (Maxwell), 1591 (Berthoud), 1592 (Waith and Taylor), or 1593 (Bate), why did Henslowe refer to it as "ne" in 1594? xxix harvp error: no target: CITEREFMassai2001 (help) ^ Hughes (2006), p. I am just trying to express these things in a different way from any previous production."[139] In her 2013 essay, "Mythological Reconfigurations of the Contemporary Stage: Giving a New Voice to Philomela in Titus Andronicus", which directly compares the depictions of the two Lavinias, Agnès Lafont writes of Ninagawa's production that Lavinia's appearance functions as a "visual emblem": "Bloodshed and beauty create a stark dissonance ... The Jersey Journal. Then, in quick succession, Titus kills Tamora and is, in turn, killed by Saturninus; Lucius then steps in and kills the emperor. Bate also finds significance in the fact that prior to the rape of Lavinia, Chiron and Demetrius vow to use Bassianus' body as a pillow. Shakespeare Quarterly. Shakespeare: The Invention of the Human (New York: New York Publishing Company, 1998) Boyd, Brian. Ah, now thou turn'st away thy face for shame; And notwithstanding all this loss of blood, As from a conduit with three issuing spouts, Yet do thy cheekes look red as Titan's face, Blushing to be encountered with a cloud. Retrieved 18 May 2014. He asks Thyestes to return to Mycenae with his family, telling him that all past animosities are forgotten. In fact it concentrates and heightens the horror."[153] Ninagawa himself said "The violence is all there. 7-20 harvp error: no target: CITEREFBulough1966 (help) ^ Sargent (1971) harvp error: no target: CITEREFSargent1971 (help) ^ Mincoff (1971) harvp error: no target: CITEREFMincoff1971 (help) ^ Metz (1975) harvp error: no target: CITEREFMetz1975 (help) ^ Hunter (1983a) harvp error: no target: CITEREFHunter1983a (help); Hunter (1983b) harvp error: no target: CITEREFHunter1983b (help) ^ Waith (1984), pp. To maintain the secret, Aaron kills the nurse, and it is the nurse's husband, not Lucius, who captures Aaron as he leaves Rome with the child. In order to save the baby, Aaron reveals the entire revenge plot to Lucius. However, a messenger brings back Martius's and Quintus's severed heads, along with Titus's own severed hand. Shortly thereafter, the tongueless and handless Lavinia is found wandering the fields by her uncle Marcus. The Daily Telegraph. However, most modern scholars would agree not only that Shakespeare did write the play but that it was an important step in the development of his career. Around 451 BC, a decemvir of the Roman Republic, Appius Claudius Crassus, begins to lust after Verginia, a plebeian girl betrothed to a former tribune, Lucius Icilius. He is then informed of the banquet and returns to his father's house, where Titus, dressed as a chef, prepares to host the emperor and empress. ^ Pete Wood (2006). However, the third edition was not printed until 1611, and lists Edward White, not Pavier, as the publisher. Critically, the production met with mixed reviews, some welcoming the return of the original play to the stage, some questioning why Atkins had bothered when various adaptations were much better and still extant. There were subsequent performances on 29 January and 6 February.[39] Also on 6 February, the printer John Danter entered into the Stationers' Register "A booke intituled a Noble Roman Historie of Tytus Andronicus". Verbal similarities between Titus and George Peele's poem "The Honour of the Carter are also important for Bate. Characters were classic masks of comedy and tragedy. Ninagawa's work distances itself from cruelty, as the spectacle of suffering is stylised. ^ Forman, Jonathan (30 December 1999). The play has very rarely been staged for radio.[207] In 1923, extracts were broadcast on BBC radio, performed by the Cardiff Station Repertory Company as the second episode of a series of programs showcasing Shakespeare's plays, entitled Shakespeare Night. The emperor demands to know what has happened, and Andronicus explains that he had once helped the lion by removing a thorn from its foot. Titus then reveals that he knows Lavinia has been ravished by Chiron and Demetrius; when Saturninus demands that the boys be brought out, Titus replies that they are here, baked into the pies they have been eating. He refuses to become emperor himself, stating that he is too old, and instead supports the claim of Saturninus, believing the eldest son should inherit. Distancing itself from the violence it stages thanks to "dissonance", the production presents Lavinia onstage as if she were a painting ... They both claim to be in love with Lavinia and are fighting over which of them deserves her love. Taylor concludes that the entire play except Act 3, Scene 2 was written just after Henry VI, Part 2 and Henry VI, Part 3, which he assigns to late 1591 or early 1592. Although Henslowe does not specify a theatre, it was most as likely The Rose. Oxford University Press, 2015. The production had a low budget and much of it was spent on huge volumes of blood that literally drenched the actors in the final scene, as Sexton said he was determined to outdo his contemporaries in terms of the amount of on-stage blood in the play. Playbill. ^ H. Saturninus takes her as his wife. After realizing what has happened, Marcus delivers a long monologue lamenting her fate, one that has become well-known for combining poetic language with gruesome imagery: Alas, a crimson river of warm blood, Like to a bubbling fountain stirred with wind, Doth rise and fall between thy rosed lips, Coming and going with thy honey breath. A Bibliography of the English Printed Drama to the Restoration. Indeed, Aaron's dialogue contains much of the wordplay in the show, and he has the honor of delivering this Shakespearean version of a "your mother" joke: DEMETRIUS Villain, what hast thou done? M. Bulman and H. Eugene M. ^ J. Acts II & III Aaron – who has kept silent until now – expresses his joy that Tamora has become empress; as her lover, this will surely open new opportunities for himself. He orders that Titus and Lavinia be laid in their family tomb, that Saturninus be given a state burial, that Tamora's body be thrown to the wild beasts outside the city, and that Aaron be hanged. ^ Ben Brantley (8 July 2006). The production featured a prologue and epilogue set in the modern era, foregrounded the character of Young Lucius, who acts as a kind of chorice observer of events, and starred Robert Stattel as Titus, Melinda Mullins as Tamora, Harry Lennix as Aaron and Miriam Healy-Louie as Lavinia. Directed by Michael Gow and with an all-male cast, it starred John Bell as Titus, Peter Cook as Tamora, Timothy Walter as Aaron and Thomas Campbell as Lavinia. McDonald, Russ. "reflects the LION Collocation Test: A Comparative Study of Authorship Test Results for Titus Andronicus Scene 6 (= 4.1)", in Gary Taylor and Gabriel Egan (eds) The New Oxford Shakespeare Authorship Companion (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017): 92-106 Reese, Jack E. Titus agrees and has Aaron cut off his hand. Aaron then visits Titus and falsely tells him that Saturninus will spare Martius and Quintus if either Titus, Marcus, or Titus' remaining son, Lucius, cuts off one of their hands and sends it to him. O'Connor, Evangeline M. Finally, it is worth noting that Titus Andronicus is the only one of Shakespeare's ancient Roman plays to not be based on a historical or semi-historical source. Thus altered, Mr. Aldridge's conception of the part of Aaron is excellent – gentle and impassioned by turns; now burning with jealousy as he doubts the honour of the Queen; anon, fierce with rage, as he reflects upon the wrongs which have been done him – the murder of Alarbus and the abduction of his son; and then all tenderness and emotion in the gentler passages with his infant.[172] The next adaptation was in 1951, when Kenneth Tynan and Peter Myers staged a thirty-five-minute version entitled Andronicus as part of a Grand Guignol presentation at the Irving Theatre. It is thought to be Shakespeare's first tragedy and is often seen as his attempt to emulate the violent and bloody revenge plays of his contemporaries, which were extremely popular with audiences throughout the 16th century.[1] Titus, a general in the Roman army, presents Tamora, Queen of the Goths, as a slave to the new Roman emperor, Saturninus. R. Add Event William Shakespeare's Titus Andronicus is first perfomed. Archived from the original on 29 October 2012. "Language of Extremities/Extremities of Language: Body Language and Culture in Titus Andronicus"; 7th World Shakespeare Congress, Valencia, April 2001 Metz, G. Shall I say 'tis so?

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