



The Merchant of Venice. by: Y William Shakespeare, General Editor: Henry Van Dyke (November 10, 1852 - April 10, 1933), Edited By: Felix E. Schelling (1856-1945).: The Merchant of Venice Is a 16th-Century

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Createspace Independent Publishing Platform, 2017. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.The Merchant of Venice is a 16th-century play by William Shakespeare in which a merchant in Venice must default on a large loan provided by an abused Jewish moneylender. It is believed to have been written between 1596 and 1599. Though classified as a comedy in the First Folio and sharing certain aspects with Shakespeare's other romantic comedies, the play is perhaps most remembered for its dramatic scenes, and it is best known for Shylock and the famous 'Hath not a Jew eyes?' speech. Also notable is Portia's speech about the quality of mercy. Critic Harold Bloom listed it among Shakespeare's great comedies. PLOT: Bassanio, a young Venetian of noble rank, wishes to woo the beautiful and wealthy heiress Portia of Belmont. Having squandered his estate, he needs 3,000 ducats to subsidise his expenditures as a suitor. Bassanio approaches his friend Antonio, a wealthy merchant of Venice who has previously and repeatedly bailed him out. Antonio agrees, but since he is cash-poor - his ships and merchandise are busy at sea - he promises to cover a bond if...



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