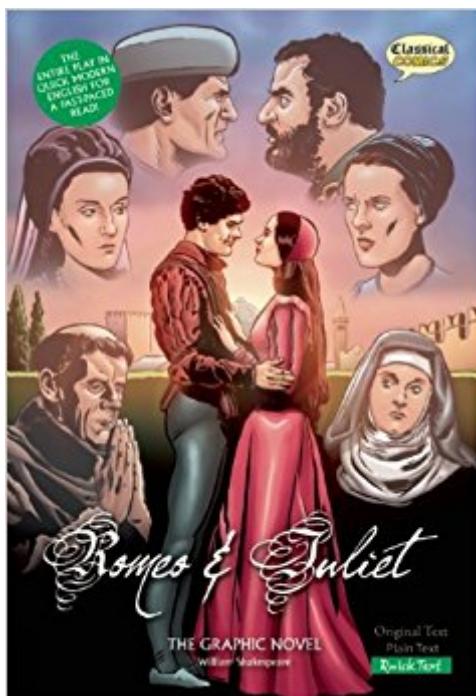


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# Romeo And Juliet The Graphic Novel: Quick Text



## Synopsis

A bitter feud between the Montagues and the Capulets keeps the city of Verona, Italy, in a state of constant unrest. Despite the enmity, Romeo Montague and Juliet Capulet fall passionately in love. Enlisting the help of Friar Laurence, the young lovers wed in secret, hoping that their marriage will finally unite the two families. But things go terribly, tragically wrong. One of Shakespeare's most widely performed plays, Romeo and Juliet has been adapted for every conceivable format. Yet no adaptation – film, television, radio, or opera – can match the richness of the original. This inspired graphic novel version depicts every scene of the play in full-color illustrations, accompanied by every word of the original text. Authentic yet easy to follow, this exciting adaptation is ideal for purists, students, and readers who appreciate Shakespeare's matchless verse. Also available are a Plain Text version, translated into modern U.S. English, and the Original Text, with the Bard's unabridged work.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 10 - 17 years

Grade Level: 4 and up

## Customer Reviews

I'm a high school special ed. teacher, and I've been teaching a brief "Romeo and Juliet" unit for the past 3 years in our freshman prescriptive English/Reading class. Even though the curriculum comes with one version of a (very short) graphic novel, it is in Shakespearean English and is still difficult for

the students to understand. I purchased 7 of these to use with my students (they've been sharing with a partner), and the first day we flew through 62 pages because they were just hooked. It's a really quick read, and the graphics help the students understand some of the still-remaining subtleties of the play/language (i.e. the nurse storming into the courtyard to talk with Romeo; her being made fun of). I can stop and point out these things in the illustrations, too (i.e. "Notice how her robes are flying up around her") . It makes later discussion and work by students a lot easier, as they can refer back to the scenes by referring to the illustrations. This is the first year my students haven't moaned and groaned about R+J, and it hasn't taken tons of frontloading and review on the language alone. (In all honesty, Shakespearean language isn't my focus here: it's comprehension and an enjoyment of reading in all forms!) To sum, a hefty investment if you're purchasing several copies, but definitely worth it if you want your student(s) to enjoy and understand the story without a battle or frustration.

The problem with teaching ESL is the lack of complex stories with readable text for ELLs (English language learners) or, really, any low level reader. The students can handle the content, but are limited by their inability to comprehend complex text and high level vocabulary. Shakespeare is daunting. This graphic novel is great in many ways. First, the graphic format aids in comprehension because even the lowest level English student can follow along. Granted it's not perfect, but it's also not the brick wall that page after page filled with words they don't understand can be. Secondly, it's written in modern English, not Shakespeare-English. Therefore, it makes comprehension much more attainable than regular English. So many teachers are still instructing with whole-class novels. This graphic novel, whether used alone or in tandem with the class novel, can help to make the reading much more understandable than ever before. My only complaint is that the colors are quite dark and from a limited palette. If the idea is to make the time period real for students, it falls short. It's a bit heavy artistically. I'd highly recommend the book, however. It's a great teaching tool.

This is a beautiful book but it is way too big. I was looking for something short and to the point with pictures, but instead I got something that bored my students. This would be better had the students had their own copy, but they had to share because of the cost.

I've reviewed this text before with the original Shakespearean language, and I just want to say that this is an excellent adaptation to modern English without violating the original's intent. This definitely may be a boost in motivation for students who may be struggling with the English of Shakespeare's

days.

Using this in my Special Education English class. I bought this as a preview. It really helped them access the content and themes, without having the difficulty of the language.

Gorgeous! I recommend buying this along with the original text graphic novel and then mix and match. I also HIGHLY recommend the teaching resources made for these. The ready made lessons and materials are beautiful, simple and go seamlessly with many lessons you could teach from R&J.

Beautiful book

This is a great visual resource for my students.

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