A Midsummer Nights Dream is perhaps the best loved of Shakespeares plays. It brings together aristocrats, workers, and fairies in a wood outside Athens, and from there the magic begins. A young woman flees Athens with her lover, only to be pursued by her would-be husband and by her best friend. Unwittingly, all four find themselves in an enchanted forest where fairies and sprites soon take an interest in human affairs, dispensing magical love potions and casting mischievous spells. In this dazzling comedy, confusion ends in harmony, as love is transformed, misplaced, and ultimately restored.

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A piece of magic on the stage or screen--or on the electronic paper!

This is probably Shakespeares most delightful comedy, and Im glad I have read it in several editions and seen various versions of the play on large screen, small screen, and stage. I wish schools would teach this instead of trying to get the kids to understand Romeo and Juliet and Julius Caesar. Even if they dont understand this one, they can tell that its fun and somewhat vulgar, with Bottom running around in an ass head and the Queen of the Fairies falling in temporary love with him. Fairy might not yet have had its most recent meaning, but Bottom in an ass head suggested exactly the same thing then that it suggests now.

While I was getting my doctorate in English, my Shakespeare teacher worshiped Shakespeare instead of enjoying it for what it was worth. She almost went ballistic when somebody pointed out vulgarities and slapstick in the plays, because we too were supposed to worship Shakespeare.
instead of analyzing him. Sorry, but I was right and she was wrong. Shakespeare was a very bawdy writer, and he enjoyed being bawdy.

DO NOT see the movie Dead Poets Society without reading or watching this play first.

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