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* The play with clear explanatory notes on each page
* A scene-by-scene analysis
* An introduction to Shakespeare’s career and the Elizabethan theatre
* A rich exploration of approaches to staging the play

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