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Grade 6 Up?A worthy sequel to *Shakespeare Stories* (Houghton, 1991). The first volume covered 12 plays, primarily the more familiar. This one has only nine, and several are unusual fare for young readers. They have mature and often jaded perspectives, which, if not incomprehensible to adolescents, we can hope might seem a bit remote. But *Antony and Cleopatra* is an interesting follow-up to *Julius Caesar*; *Measure for Measure* offers complex fare for morality discussions; and the peculiar magical aspects of *Winter's Tale* offer an interesting contrast to *The Tempest*. Reading such enriched retellings of plays students might miss in high school will enhance those they do study. For the guaranteed curriculum basics, such as *Julius Caesar*, here is an alternative to yellow study guides, one in which explication is subliminally available in the graceful prose. The romances are appealing, and Garfield's seamless movement between his own descriptive language and Shakespeare's has never worked better. Foreman's vibrant watercolors, particularly the mesmerizing *Cleopatra* cover girl and an anguished *Julius Caesar* at the Capitol, and the many small ink-wash illustrations bring strong visual appeal to a pending classic?one that adults should not assume is just for kids.?Sally Margolis, Deerfield Public Library, Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc.

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Gr. 6⁺-10. In the format of his *Shakespeare Stories* (1985), Garfield retells the plots of nine more Shakespearean plays in graceful prose, studded with dialogue. While the first volume included more familiar plays, this one presents *Much Ado about Nothing*, *Julius Caesar*, *Antony and Cleopatra*, *Measure for Measure*, *As You Like It*, *Cymbeline*, *King Richard the Third*, *The Comedy of Errors*, and *The Winter's Tale*. Foreman contributes dozens of illustrations, from colorplates to smaller line-and-wash paintings reproduced in shades of gray. A handsome companion volume to the earlier book. *Carolyn Phelan*

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