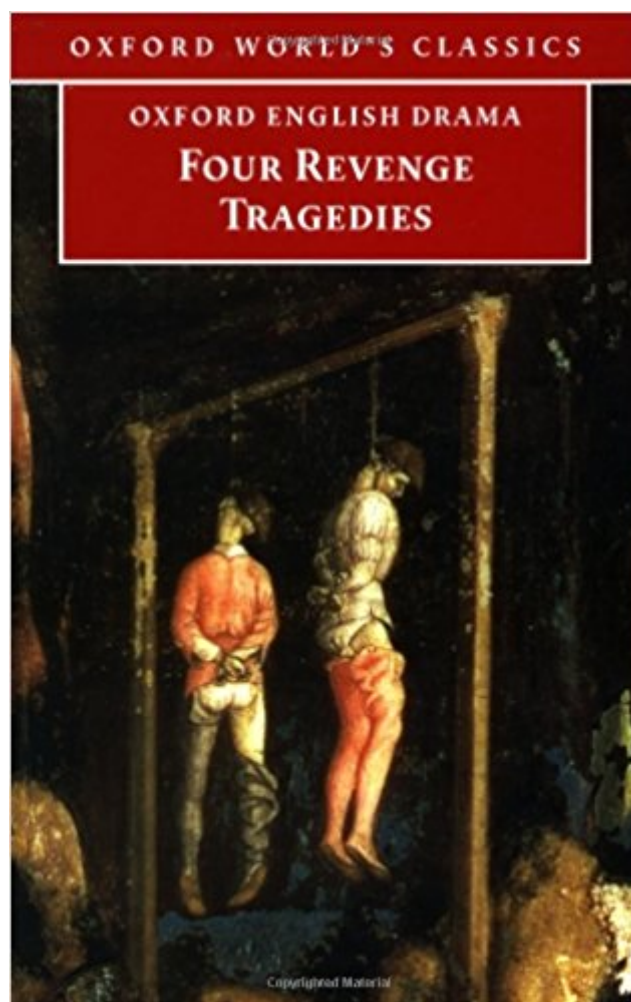


The book was found

Four Revenge Tragedies: The Spanish Tragedy; The Revenger's Tragedy; The Revenge Of Bussy D'Ambois; And The Atheist's Tragedy (Oxford World's Classics)





Synopsis

The Revenge Tragedy flourished in Britain during the late sixteenth and early seventeenth centuries. The classic ingredients of the genre are a quest for vengeance, mad scenes, a play within a play, and carnage. Each of the four plays here subverts the genre, and deals with fundamental moral questions about justice and the individual, while registering the strains of life in an increasingly fragile social hierarchy. This edition includes Thomas Kyd's *The Spanish Tragedy*, the anonymous *The Revenger's Tragedy* (variously ascribed to Cyril Tourneur and Thomas Middleton), *The Revenge of Bussy D'Ambois* by George Chapman, and Tourneur's *The Atheist's Tragedy*.

Book Information

Series: Oxford World's Classics

Paperback: 464 pages

Publisher: Oxford University Press (March 23, 2000)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0192838784

ISBN-13: 978-0192838780

Product Dimensions: 7.4 x 1.2 x 4.8 inches

Shipping Weight: 14.1 ounces

Average Customer Review: 3.9 out of 5 stars 30 customer reviews

Best Sellers Rank: #451,189 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #193 in [Books > Literature & Fiction > History & Criticism > Movements & Periods > Renaissance](#) #199 in [Books > Literature & Fiction > Dramas & Plays > Anthologies](#) #259 in [Books > Textbooks > Science & Mathematics > Biology & Life Sciences > Botany](#)

Customer Reviews

"A provocative selection with incisive apparatus."--Gale H. Carrithers, Jr., Louisiana State University

Katharine Maus is Associate Professor of English at the University of Virginia.

An excellent collection! *THE SPANISH TRAGEDY*, of course, is the mother of all English Renaissance revenge tragedies, and it still holds up well today. It inaugurated the fashion that culminated in Shakespeare's *HAMLET*. *THE REVENGER'S TRAGEDY*, probably by Middleton, is another strange and wonderful tragedy, full of skulls and poison and dramatic ironies. Revenge

tragedies are intensely political; they typically involve a terrible murder committed by someone in power, and the court is so corrupt that only extra-legal means for justice or revenge are available. Revenge tragedies always include sensational elements of violence and the macabre that made them very popular in their time. Feigned or real madness, poison, bloodshed, skulls and graveyards abound. Sexual obsession and incest are common. The only modern comparison that seems justified is the horror movie; of course these are stage productions with a minimum of scenery, but many of the actions are just as gruesome and horrific, including explorations of strange obsessions and sexual perversions. *THE REVENGE OF BUSSY D'AMBOIS* by Chapman is notable for the elevated language, but hard to follow since it is a sequel without the original. Chapman's drama, however, is rarely published today, so it's nice to have it. *THE ATHEIST'S TRAGEDY* by Tourneur is amazing for its seeming nihilism. Evil triumphs here. The introduction is also helpful and interesting after you've read the plays. The only fault here is the editing; the editors have inexplicably chosen to use endnotes, which are very inconvenient.

In his tragically short life, Thomas Kyd wrote one play that has become a classic. In its day, it was one of the most popular on stage and in print, going through 10 printings in the 40 years after it was written. His language is not as accessible as Shakespeare's, but with careful reading, the attraction of the play to the late Elizabethan audience becomes clear. This was one of the first revenge tragedies. By the end of the play, almost everyone has been killed or committed suicide. There are many plot lines that have echoes in Shakespeare's *Hamlet*. Students of that play should find it worth their time to discover what is considered by many scholars to be an influence on Mr. W.S.

This brilliant play is one of the inaugurators of Elizabethan drama and unfortunately rarely performed. The poetry still resonates even in written form. To appreciate what follows, it is advisable to start with Kyd. Shakespeare, Jonson took their cues from him. A revenge play or the Theatre of Blood this play should strike a chord with modern audiences, accustomed to cinematic excesses. It is curious that Kyd does not have a greater following than he does. Simply put, the play will delight and profoundly answer many questions as to why Elizabethan drama so pertinent even to this day.

I was using this kindle edition of the text hand in hand with a physical one when studying the play for a class. I did not find any errors or changes between the two editions.

This is an Elizabethan metatheatrical revenge play presented as a dream with several inserted

plays within it.

The footnotes were helpful, but placed all the way at the back of the book, so you'll waste a lot of time flipping through pages to find them.

Perfect!!!

Is a book.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Four Revenge Tragedies: The Spanish Tragedy; The Revenger's Tragedy; The Revenge of Bussy D'Ambois; and The Atheist's Tragedy (Oxford World's Classics) Six Tragedies (Oxford World's Classics) Four Tragedies and Octavia (Penguin Classics) Easy Spanish Cookbook: Authentic Spanish Recipes from Cuba, Puerto Rico, Peru, and Colombia (Spanish Cookbook, Spanish Recipes, Spanish Food, Spanish Cuisine, Spanish Cooking Book 1) Revenger Spanish Phrasebook: 1,001 Easy to Learn Spanish Phrases, Learn Spanish Language for Beginners (Spanish Lessons, Spanish 101, Spanish Books) Four Tragedies: Ajax, Women of Trachis, Electra, Philoctetes Welcome to Spanish Food World: Unlock EVERY Secret of Cooking Through 500 AMAZING Spanish Recipes (Spanish Food Cookbook, Spanish Cuisine, Diabetic Cookbook in Spanish,...) (Unlock Cooking [#19]) ECHO'S Revenge: A Young Adult Science Fiction Thriller (ECHO's Revenge Book 1) The Oxford Picture Dictionary: English-Spanish Edition (The Oxford Picture Dictionary Program) (English and Spanish Edition) There Is a God: How the World's Most Notorious Atheist Changed His Mind Spanish-English English-Spanish Medical Dictionary: Diccionario Médico Español-Inglés Inglés-Español (Spanish to English/English to Spanish Medical Dictionary) (Spanish Edition) Oxford Handbook of Political Psychology (Oxford Handbooks) published by Oxford University Press, USA (2003) Theology after the Birth of God: Atheist Conceptions in Cognition and Culture (Radical Theologies and Philosophies) God, No!: Signs You May Already Be an Atheist and Other Magical Tales The Bonobo and the Atheist: In Search of Humanism Among the Primates The Bonobo and the Atheist Faith: How an Atheist Found Common Ground with the Religious The Portable Atheist: Essential Readings for the Nonbeliever An Atheist in the FOXhole: A Liberal's Eight-Year Odyssey into the Heart of the Right-Wing Media

Contact Us

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)