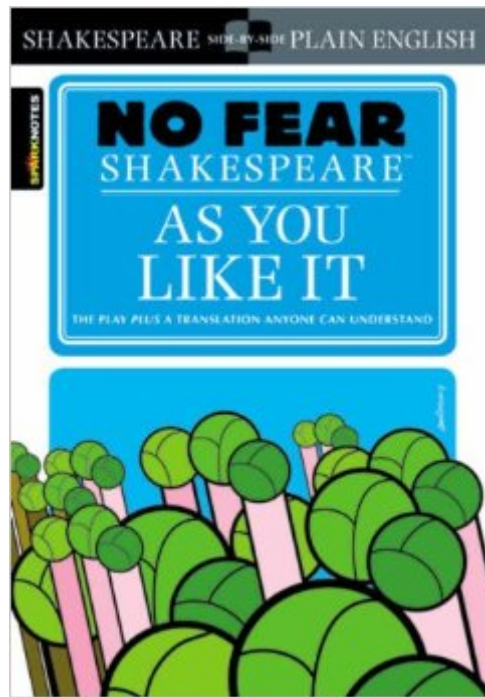


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That ends well! Well, I've undertaken a project to attempt to re-read, or in most cases, read for the first time, all of Shakespeare. This is a first time read. I commenced with a re-read of the heavy tragedies assigned in high school, like *Macbeth* (Folger Shakespeare Library), *Hamlet* and *King Lear* (Folger Shakespeare Library), in which the vast majority of characters die at the end. In sharp contrast, at the end of *As You Like It*, not only is every character alive, the two bad guys (and they are men with sibling rivalry issues), repent their evil ways, and make restitution for their wrongdoing. As the title states, happy endings seem to be the preferred scenario for the audience. Though there is that ironic catch that I'll cover at the end of this review. The play was first produced at the beginning of the 17th century, yet some of the issues are as topical as today's headlines: cross-dressing and gender identity. In those simpler times, Shakespeare did not address the complex issues of bathroom access. There are also seeming animal-rights issues and remorse shown over the killing of a deer.

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