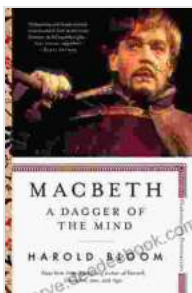


# Dagger of the Mind: Shakespeare's Personalities

William Shakespeare's characters are some of the most complex and well-developed in all of literature. They are often full of contradictions, and their motivations can be difficult to understand. This article explores the different personalities of Shakespeare's characters, and how they are revealed through their words and actions.

## The Tragic Heroes

Shakespeare's tragic heroes are often complex and flawed characters. They are often driven by ambition, power, or love, and their actions often lead to their downfall. Some of Shakespeare's most famous tragic heroes include Hamlet, Macbeth, and Othello.



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Hamlet is a young prince who is haunted by the ghost of his father. He is torn between his desire for revenge and his fear of the consequences. Macbeth is a Scottish general who is driven to murder by his ambition. Othello is a Moorish general who is blinded by jealousy.

## **The Comedic Characters**

Shakespeare's comedic characters are often more light-hearted and optimistic than his tragic heroes. They are often involved in mistaken identities, misunderstandings, and other forms of comedy. Some of Shakespeare's most famous comedic characters include Falstaff, Beatrice, and Benedick.

Falstaff is a fat, drunken knight who is always getting into trouble. Beatrice and Benedick are two witty and independent characters who eventually fall in love.

## **The Villains**

Shakespeare's villains are often complex and sympathetic characters. They are often motivated by greed, power, or revenge. Some of Shakespeare's most famous villains include Iago, Edmund, and Richard III.

Iago is a treacherous ensign who manipulates Othello into murdering his wife. Edmund is a bastard son who plots to kill his father and brother. Richard III is a hunchbacked king who is willing to do anything to gain power.

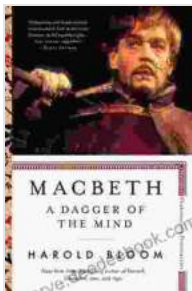
## **The Women of Shakespeare**

Shakespeare's female characters are often strong and independent. They are often the driving force behind the action in his plays. Some of

Shakespeare's most famous female characters include Lady Macbeth, Ophelia, and Rosalind.

Lady Macbeth is a ruthless and ambitious woman who drives her husband to murder. Ophelia is a young woman who is driven mad by her father's death. Rosalind is a witty and independent woman who eventually falls in love with Orlando.

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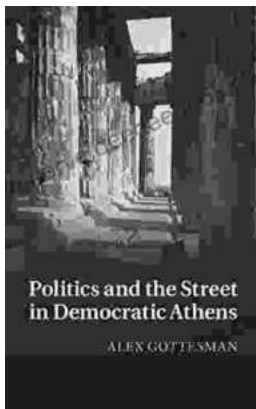
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