



Shakespeare s Love Story (Paperback)

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Createspace Independent Publishing Platform, United States, 2016. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.From the Foreword. TO THE GREAT VARIETY OF READERS THREE HUNDRED YEARS ago this day, on May the twentieth, sixteen hundred and nine, there was entered on the Stationer s Register a book called Shakespeare s Sonnettes. To whom these sonnets were written, - whether to one person or to many different persons; why they were written, - whether as expressions of personal feeling or as flights of poetic fancy; in what order they were composed; how the publisher got hold of them, no one knew then, and no one has since discovered. Rut that the book was printed without the author s supervision was plain, and that it was without his permission seemed probable. It could not have been immediately popular, since it was thirty-one years before the issue of a second edition. The publisher s preface to this describes the sonnets as seren, cleere and elegantly plaine, and for a hundred years this statement passed undisputed. Rut toward the close of the eighteenth century the critics and commentators began to busy themselves, and...



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