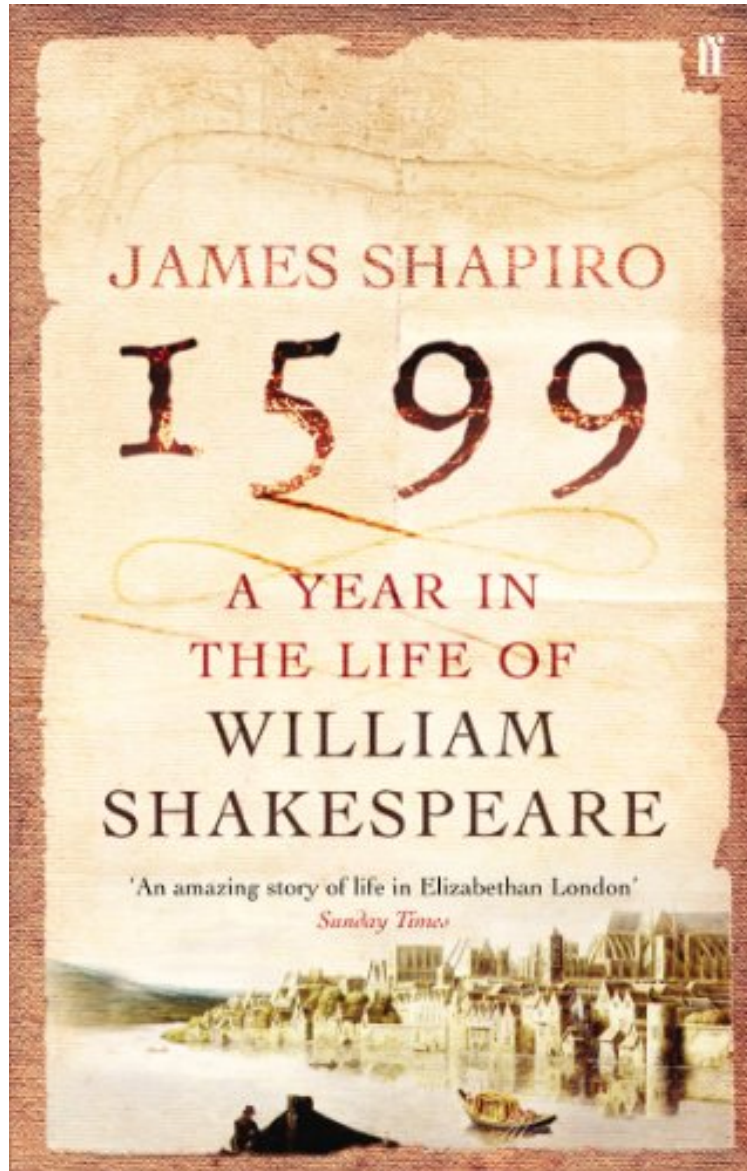


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KundenrezensionenHilfreichste Kundenrezensionen5 von 6 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. An excellent book - but very weighty reading!Von Mark O'NeillI am a huge Shakespeare nut so I grabbed this book fast

when I learned of its existence. The idea of taking one single year out of Shakespeare's life and examining those 12 months in minute detail is a novel idea and one which the many other writers of Shakespeare's life have never attempted before. 1599 was a very productive year for Shakespeare. His most famous play, Hamlet, was written and produced. So was plays such as "As You Like It". He and his acting partners built the Globe Theatre and were determined to make a success of the place, despite the fact the building was costing a lot of money, rival theatres were stealing all the customers, and the government of the day, under Queen Elizabeth I, considered theatres to be a hot-bed of treason and conspiracy. 1599 was also a year of dangerous political intrigue. The Earl of Essex was rumoured to be planning a coup against Queen Elizabeth I, the military campaign to crush the Irish rebellion was going from bad to worse, and the Spanish were always threatening to invade with another Armada. These political dramas were wonderful for people like Shakespeare as it gave him a never-ending source of material for his plays. This book is very good but my one complaint would be that in many places, the author gets so wrapped up in minutely analysing Shakespeare's plays (quoting verse for verse) that we tend to forget that we are meant to be examining what he did in the year 1599, NOT analysing what he wrote and why he wrote what he did. This never-ending analysis of Hamlet and "As You Like It" gets to be a little tiresome at times. I want to read about Shakespeare's life. I don't want ANOTHER opinion about Hamlet or AYLI. The text can also be a little difficult to follow at times but on the whole, this is still quite a good book. But you will need to have a serious interest in Shakespeare, English literature and British history. If you have no interest in these three areas, then you'll hate this book!

6 von 7 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. A good read, but you need some background knowledge!

Von Nathali Gutz As someone who is interested in the Elizabethan era, I truly enjoyed this book. It provides a lot of information about those difficult times, and by focusing on only one year it has a great depth. For some of the chapters, however, I wished I'd had a better knowledge of the political background, but all in all I really enjoyed the book and can only recommend it.

1 von 2 Kunden fanden die folgende Rezension hilfreich. More on the enigmatic bard

Von Peter Berlin So little is known about Shakespeare's life that it does seem to make sense to look at one pivotal year in the man's life and concentrate on important historical events during that time and speculate on how they might have influenced Shakespeare's writing. Shapiro chose the year 1599 when Shakespeare wrote Henry the Fifth, Julius Caesar, As you like it and Hamlet. Quite a productive year by any standard. So the reader learns a lot about English efforts to crush an Irish rebellion, another Armada coming from Spain, the humble beginnings of the East India Company and the Virgin Queen who would die childless and without an heir apparent. At times, it feels more like a history book. This is clearly for more advanced readers who would like to know as much as possible about the enigmatic author. This shouldn't be the first book you read on him, but if you have some background then this book is very recommendable.

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