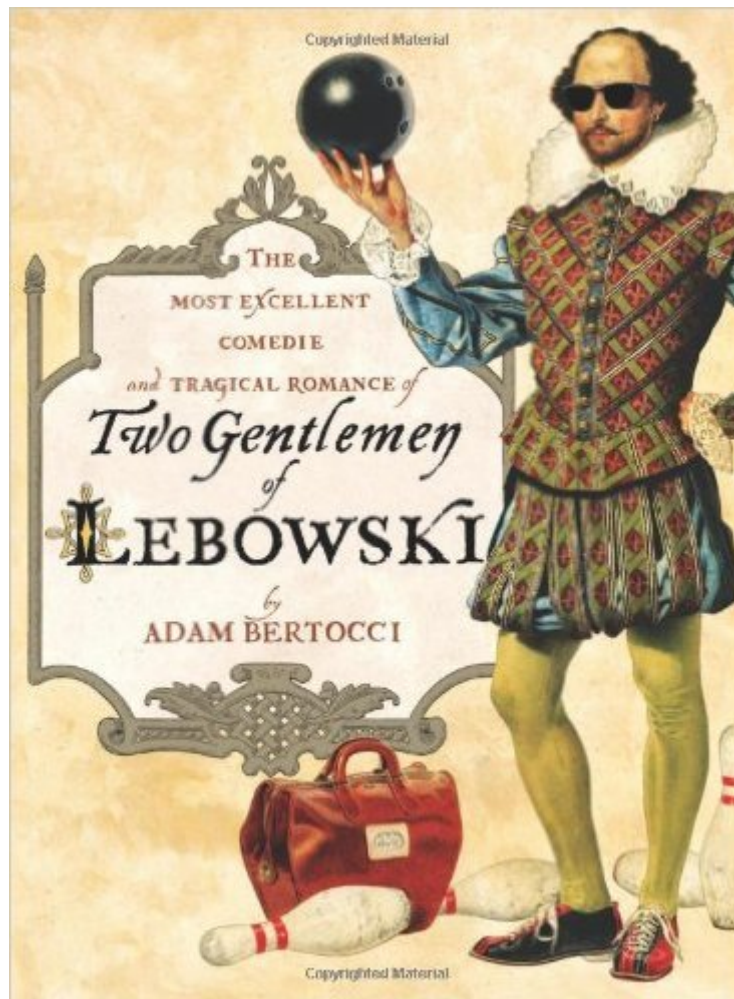


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Two Gentlemen Of Lebowski: A Most Excellent Comedie And Tragical Romance



Synopsis

What if William Shakespeare had written *The Big Lebowski*? The Dude has met the Bard and he doth abide. Join The Knave and Sir Walter on a wild tale of mistaken identity, kidnapping, bowling, and a rug that, in faith, really tied the room together in a sidesplitting Shakespearean comedy of errors and ninepins, told in five glorious acts of iambic pentameter and impeccable period prose. Already a theatrical hit and a worldwide viral phenomenon, *Two Gentlemen of Lebowski* comes alive anew in this definitive and lavishly illustrated edition, featuring recently discovered historical engravings, scholarly annotations, and a revelatory afterword from the author.

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Customer Reviews

I was lucky enough to read this when it was still an internet sensation. The author has taken the natural synergy (a word I hate using but appropriate in this case) between the works of the Cohen brothers and that of Shakespeare, and made the whole even greater than the sum of the parts. This is not, as one might expect, a rewrite of "The Big Lebowski" with a lot of silly "prithees" and "thys." The man re-wrote the movie in Shakespearean English, in iambic freakin pentameter. And not only did he do that, but he made some incredibly smart plays on words in the translation. I think this will be studied for years to come. I think it is the Ulysses of its time. That's right; I said it. Bertocci is the Joyce of our times. And thankfully he is unmarried. Ugh. You know what I mean.

This book is a seamless knitting together of many of the Bards timeless words and phrases with the oft hilarious and idiotic plot of "The Big Lebowski". Some of the most memorable lines from out of

the movie work so well when translated into Elizabethan parlance that it is a wonder that Shakespeare did not, in point of fact, write the script himself. Tis a most effective parody if ere twas one worth the name methinks.

This is a work of genius. It is not a shallow spoof, but a fully formed translation of "The Big Lebowski" into Elizabethan/Shakespearean terms -- and times. Bertocci doesn't hesitate to poke fun at literary scholarship. The left-hand pages have explanations of those things a modern reader might not be familiar with, as well as an analysis of the author's choice of words. What is particularly amusing is his "naÿf" ignorance of plainly sexual references (eg, back-door mine (p128); reading Ben Jonson manually (p146); fig eaters & bareback riding (p174)). It is impossible to recommend "Two Gentlemen of Lebowski" too highly. You'll laugh your back-door mine off.

If you are into the classical writings of the masters like Shakespeare and those of his life time, this book is not for you. This book is a up to date and modern story written in the style of the time of Shakespeare. The author of this kind of book, is a genius, if he ever had the chance to meet Shakespeare, Shakespeare would be laughing with the idea the author put into this book. If you as a reader want to study Shakespeare and stay awake doing it, this is the book for you to read.

I can't remember the last time I laughed this hard at a book. I think it has replaced Lamb: The Gospel According to Biff, Christ's Childhood Pal as the funniest thing I've ever read. The prose is fantastic, and the illustrations & accompanying definitions of terms really make it shine. An absolute must-read for any fan of the Dude!

So funny and so smart. Where to begin? If you love Shakespeare, if you love the movie, if your high school English teachers had you read Shakespeare in little books with footnotes and pictures on the left page....then this, my friend, is for you. One of the best send ups ever written. The movie script, action and feel faithfully yet creatively done in flawless Elizabethian English. The Bard would have been proud. He would have staged this and made a mint. A feast for wise asses.

This was an excellent and fun version of your favorite movie, if it were written during Shakespearean times. I would like to see a live action show featuring this. I think it would be pretty entertaining.

Bought this as a gift. Didn't read it all the way through but loved what I did read! And I love that definitions of the Shakespearean expressions are included. My friend I gave it to is a HUGE Lebowsky fan and really enjoyed this!

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