

THE MERCHANT OF VENICE

BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT THIS PLAY

- Author : William Shakespeare
- Genre : comedy
- Setting : Venice, 16 th century



CHARACTERS IN THIS BOOK

- Shylock (A Jewish moneylender in Venice)
- Polia (Portia is able to marry her true love, Bassanio. She's wise and beautiful)
- Antonio (He is wealthy noble from Venice)
- Bassanio (A gentleman of Venice and dear friend to Antonio)
- Junge



WHAT IS THE PLAY ABOUT?

1. Antonio gets to Venice.
2. His friend Bassanio needs money to get married with beautiful Polia.
3. Antonio hasn't got money now, but after few weeks his ships with his fortune will come to Venice.
4. Friends go to local moneylender – Shylock.



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5. He can lend their three thousand ducats, but Antonio has determinate time to pay him back. If Antonio doesn't do this , everything that belongs to him will become Shylock.
6. Bassimo and Polia get married.
7. There's a storm in the sea and everyone think that Antonio's ships won't come to Venice.
8. Specific time is over, Shylock wants to have his money back.



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9. Antoinio stands trial.

10. A wise Polia protects Antonio. She shows a half of letter (about storm in the sea) Shylock and junge.

11. Antonio's losses belong to Shylock.

12. Bassanio and Polia show the secound half of letter Antonio after the legal case.

13. All of Antonio's fortune is save.



THEMES IN THIS BOOK

- Wealth
- Friendship
- Marriage
- Justice
- Love
- Choices



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- A deal is a deal.
- A promise is a promise.
- Love is blind.
- God made him, and therefore let him pass for a man.



THE MERCHANT OF VENICE MORAL

1. Debts can be dangerous

You need to understand that the debt traps are real and harmful in some ways.

2. You need to be prepared for emergencies

One of life lessons we learn from the Merchant of Venice is that there are sudden accidents and situations in every human lives.

3. Money isn't everything.

Family, friends and happiness are the most important things in life.

