



Main Characters

Titania - the Queen of the Fairies, married to Oberon.

Oberon - the King of the Fairies, married to Titania

Hermia - the daughter of Egeus. She is in love with Lysander. Her best friend is Helena.

Lysander - a gentleman in the court of Athens. He is in love with Hermia.

Demetrius - a gentleman of the court of Athens. He is in love with Hermia.

Helena - Hermia's best friend. She is in love with Demetrius but he does not love her anymore.

Puck - a fairy and Oberon's servant.

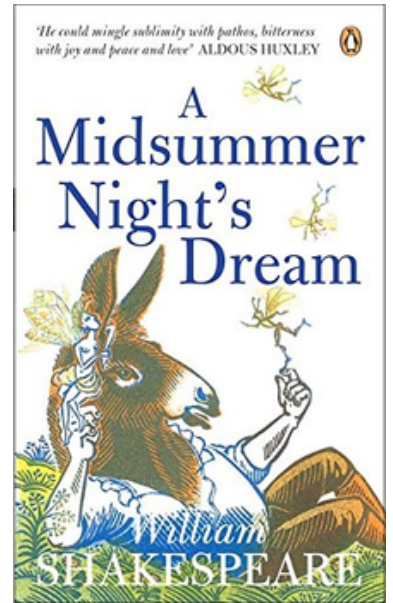


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Setting

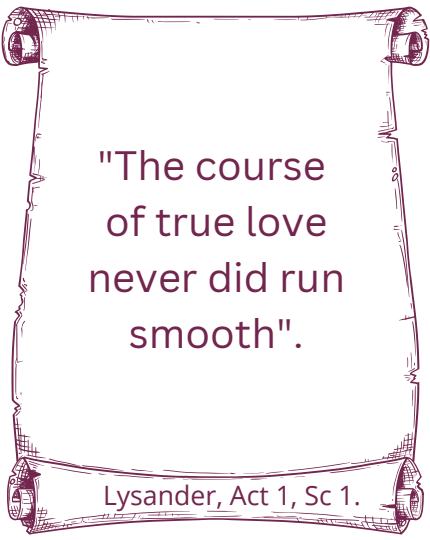
A Midsummer Night's Dream takes place across two settings: **the court of Athens** and **the woods**.



Brief Plot Overview

A Midsummer Night's Dream is a **comedy**.

Puck, the fairy, makes both of the boys fall in love with the same girl when four young Athenians run away to the forest inhabited by fairies. Puck also helps his master play a trick on the fairy queen. A series of hilarious events ensure.



"The course of true love never did run smooth".

Lysander, Act 1, Sc 1.

Some Themes



Love



Magic



Dreams



Jealousy



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