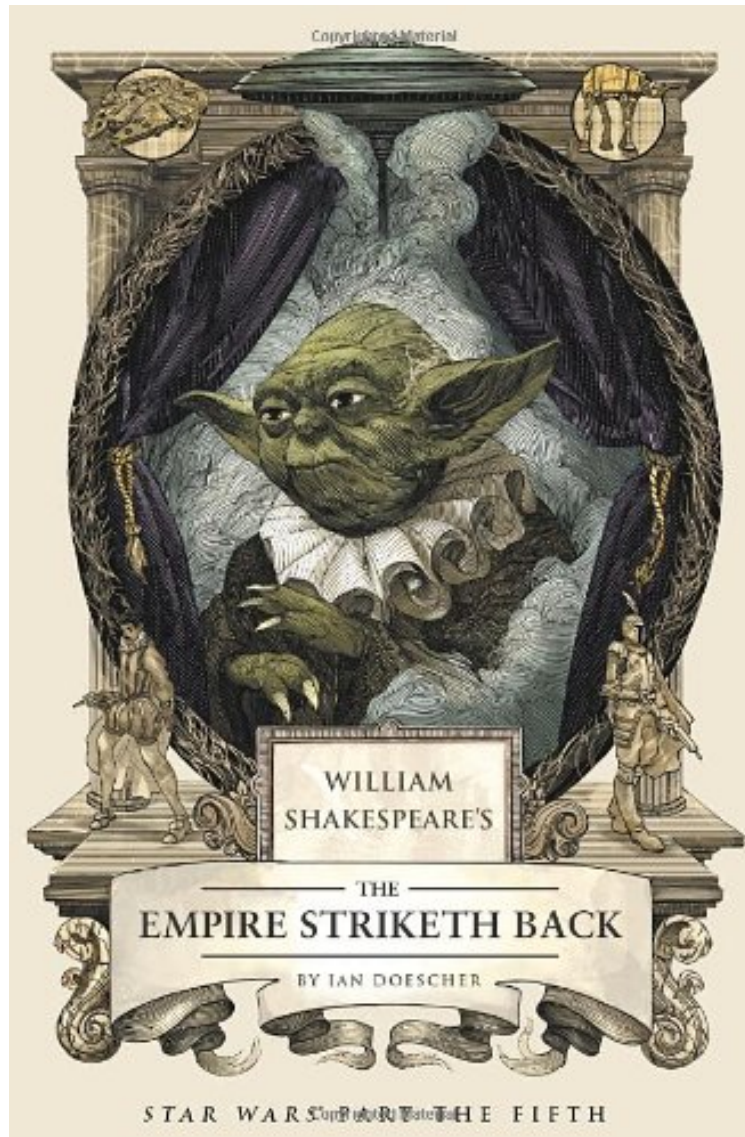


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**Ian Doescher : William Shakespeare's The Empire Striketh Back (William Shakespeare's Star Wars)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised William Shakespeare's The Empire Striketh Back (William Shakespeare's Star Wars):

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Strongly RecommendBy Christopher WhitmanThere really isn't anything that I could say that would influence a decision on purchasing this book. it's Star Wars, but written like

Shakespeare! You literally cannot get anything better than that! Obviously it would help if you have seen the movies before purchasing these books just so you have some baseline on what it originally was, but this is a great read and I am enjoying it immensely. Can't wait for the 3rd book to be released! Overall: Would strongly recommend to a Star Wars fan looking for a laugh that has a slight appreciation for Shakespearean theater. 2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Doescher Strikes Again! By A. Miller I don't remember how I heard about the author's first book, "Verily, A New Hope," but I got ahold of it and loved every minute of it. I'm on to Act II of this one, and again it is sheer genius. For this one, Doescher is riffing pretty hard off of "Macbeth," and it totally works. Anyone who is a Shakespeare geek AND a Star Wars geek is going to have a really good time with these books. I'm not sure, however, if you could "get it" with a familiarity with only one genre. In terms of nuts and bolts, the dust jacket for this book is kinda lame, but the quality of the binding and the pages and the printing is very good. Anyway, I'm sold on the franchise, and have already pre-ordered "The Jedi Doth Return." 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great follow-up to the original By Kitten Fluff Knits The second installment in Ian Doescher's Star Wars/Shakespeare mash-up is a great follow-up to the original. Doescher has loosened up a little with his form, which is great. One of my biggest complaints with William Shakespeare's Star Wars was the over use and lack of variety of the verse. Shakespeare never wrote a full play ALL in verse and his iambic pentameter wasn't perfect either. In *The Empire Striketh Back*, Doescher has Bobo Fett speak in prose, and Yoda speaks in haiku! Now, of course, the haiku isn't a form Shakespeare used, but I think Doescher's explanation of his choice in the Afterward is sufficient. As *Empire* is the darkest of the original trilogy, it is clearly more difficult to find comedic moments to highlight, yet Doescher has done it. One of my favorite scenes is in fact a commentary on the architecture of the Death Star and Bespin in which two guards discuss Imperial building codes. It's much funnier in verse I highly recommend William Shakespeare's *The Empire Striketh Back* to any Star Wars fan who also has a love for the Bard! (Review also posted on Goodreads.com)

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