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## The Plays and Poems of William Shakspeare, Vol. 21: With the Corrections and Illustrations for Various Commentators; Comprehending a Life of the Poet, and an Enlarged History of the Stage (Classic Reprint) (Paperback)

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Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*.Excerpt from The Plays and Poems of William Shakspeare, Vol. 21: With the Corrections and Illustrations for Various Commentators; Comprehending a Life of the Poet, and an Enlarged History of the Stage The story on which this play is formed, is of great antiquity. It is found in a book, once very popular, entitled Gesta Romanorum, which is supposed by Mr. Tyrwhitt, the learned editor of The Canterbury Tales of Chaucer, 1775, to have been written five hundred years ago. The earliest impression of that work (which I have seen) was printed in 1488; in that edition the history of Appolonius King of Tyre makes the 153d chapter. It is likewise related by Gower in his Confessio Amantis, lib. viii. p. 175-185, edit. 1554. The Rev. Dr. Farmer has in his possession a fragment of a MS. poem on the same subject, which appears, from the handwriting and the metre, to be more ancient than Gower. The reader will find an extract from it at the end of the play. There is also an ancient romance on...



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