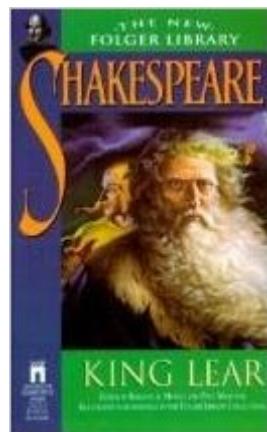


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This was not my first reading of King Lear - I read it some time ago. The epic tragedy tells the story of an aging king who decides to divide his kingdom among his three daughters, based upon which of the three best professes her love to him. I'm not giving anything away to say that the King has made an error in judgement in deciding to base his decision on flattery. This edition of the classic tale is laid out in a way that is easy to read, and with a number of very helpful notes that help the reader to navigate the story. It was a required school text but I think my teacher made a wise

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