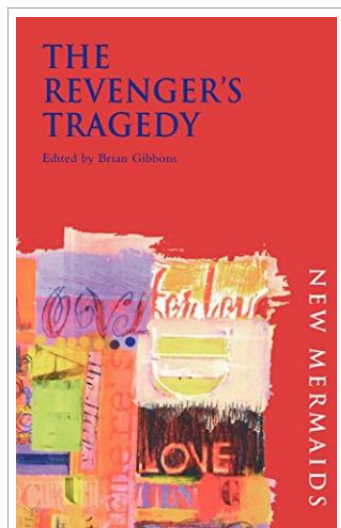




The Revenger s Tragedy (Paperback)

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Bloomsbury Publishing PLC, United Kingdom, 2007. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.The Revenger s Tragedy (1607) shows a brilliant court culture against a sombre background; although fashionably Italianate in appearance, the play is concerned with substantial issues in the Britain of King James I. The new king s court became notorious for luxuriousness, spectacular masques and torchlight revels; and poets and playwrights attacked the rumoured sexual and political corruption in high places. By 1607 revenge tragedy had already developed as a hybrid form incorporating complex intrigue plots and elements of farce, including, as here, elements of horror. The hero Vindice is eloquent and engagingly witty; but as a poet he sees the skull beneath the skin, and as a revenger he carries out some of the cruellest killings in all English Renaissance tragedy. As the introduction demonstrates, the play proves highly successful in present-day performance, both professional and amateur, and in a variety of period settings.

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