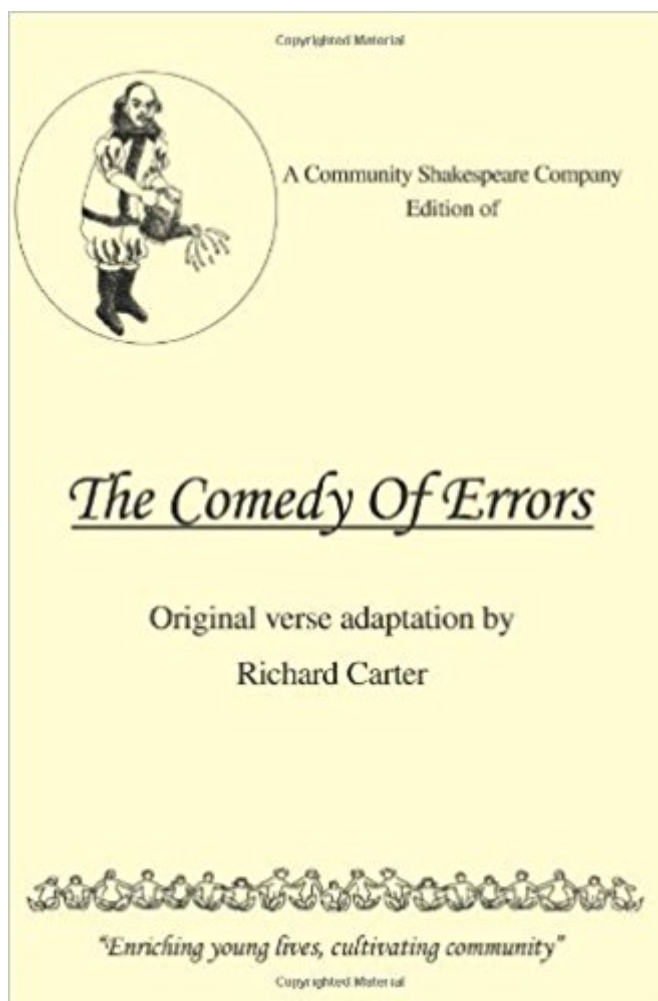


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Richard Carter, MFA, is Co-Founder & Director of the Community Shakespeare Company for young actors. His award-winning plays have been produced from Seattle to London. His verse

adaptations of classic literature motivate and enchant actors and audiences, pre-school through adult. Richard lives with his family on an island in Washington State.

I teach upper elementary (4th - 6th grade) in a Montessori school. This is the first play we purchased from the Community Shakespeare Company and we LOVE it! We previewed all of their works then purchased them all - they are that good.1) The play is condensed very well, retaining much of the original language - each of their plays is about an hour long2) The prose is turned into poetry which helps the students memorize their lines. One must be careful not to let the dialog become too sing-songy and to watch for the odd rhyme that occurs mid-sentence - it can throw off the rhythm of the sentence by putting the wrong emphasis on the wrong word. It can be challenging to find good Shakespeare for upper elementary students. My coworker has searched for decades and we agree that this is the best material available that is currently in print.

One of Shakespeare's most entertaining plays can also be one of his most confusing, particularly for young readers or people generally unfamiliar with his wickedly funny twists and turns. Richard Carter, who has rendered other great works of the Bard into fun (and easily learned) couplets, has now taken successfully taken on "The Comedy of Errors." All of Carter's editions of Shakespeare have been "field-tested" in the community Shakespeare company he's run for a number of years. This is an excellent book for the classroom or the community theater. It also provides an appealing way to re-introduce anyone to one of the more enjoyable comedies of William Shakespeare.

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