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Shakespeare's plays, when cited in this edition, are abbreviated in a style modified slightly from that used in the *Harvard Concordance to Shakespeare*. Other editions of Shakespeare are abbreviated under the editor's surname (Orgel, Schanzer) unless they are the work of more than one editor. In such cases, an abbreviated series name is used (Cam., Folger). When more than one edition by the same editor is cited, later editions are discriminated with a raised figure (Collier²). All quotations from Shakespeare, other than those from *The Winter's Tale*, use the lineation of *The Riverside Shakespeare*, under the textual editorship of G. Blakemore Evans.

1. Shakespeare's works

Ado	Much Ado About Nothing
Ant.	Antony and Cleopatra
AWW	All's Well That Ends Well
AYLI	As You Like It
Cor.	Coriolanus
C01. Cγm.	Cymbeline
Cym. Err.	9
	The Comedy of Errors
Ham.	Hamlet
1H4	The First Part of King Henry the Fourth
2H4	The Second Part of King Henry the Fourth
H_5	King Henry the Fifth
1H6	The First Part of King Henry the Sixth
2H6	The Second Part of King Henry the Sixth
3H6	The Third Part of King Henry the Sixth
H8	King Henry the Eighth
$\mathcal{J}C$	Julius Caesar
$\mathcal{J}ohn$	King John
LLL	Love's Labour's Lost
Lear	King Lear
Luc.	The Rape of Lucrece
Mac.	Macbeth
MM	Measure for Measure
MND	A Midsummer Night's Dream
MV	The Merchant of Venice
Oth.	Othello
Per.	Pericles
PP	The Passionate Pilgrim
R_2	Richard the Second
R_3	Richard the Third
Rom.	Romeo and Juliet
Shr.	The Taming of the Shrew
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Son. The Sonnets Sir Thomas More STMThe Tempest Temp. TGVThe Two Gentlemen of Verona Tim. Timon of Athens Tit. Titus Andronicus TNTwelfth Night TNKTwo Noble Kinsmen Tro. Troilus and Cressida Ven. Venus and Adonis

Wiv. The Merry Wives of Windsor

WT The Winter's Tale

2. Other works cited and general references

Works mentioned once in the Commentary, the Introduction, and the Appendices appear there with full bibliographical information; others are either cited by the shortened titles below or may be found in the Reading List. References to productions mentioned more than once appear under the director's surname (e.g., Howell, Noble); unless otherwise noted, all references to Kahn are to his 2002 revival. Theatre venues and companies are included below.

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