Hamnet: A Novel of the Plague

Description

Maggie O'Farrell's 2020 novel, *Hamnet* - one of the New York Times 10 best books of 2020—tells the gripping story of Shakespeare's family in Stratford, and movingly portrays his family life and, most heart-breakingly, his son Hamnet, for whom he may have written *Hamlet* as an act of mourning. Generations have acknowledged that *Hamlet* is extraordinary in part because so much of ourselves is apparent in the struggles of its famous protagonist. O’Farrell’s achievement, writing in the shadow of the greatest playwright in the English language, is to have produced an extraordinary work of art as well, offering readers the opportunity to see themselves not only in Shakespeare’s characters but in Shakespeare himself.

About the Instructor

William Flesch is a professor of English at Brandeis, where he teaches courses on Shakespeare, on the history of poetry, and on film. He is the author of *Comeuppance: Costly Signaling, Altruistic Punishment and Other Biological Components of Fiction*, which made book critic James Woods’ list of 10 best books for 2008. He is the recipient of three teaching awards and a National Endowment of the Humanities Fellowship.

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