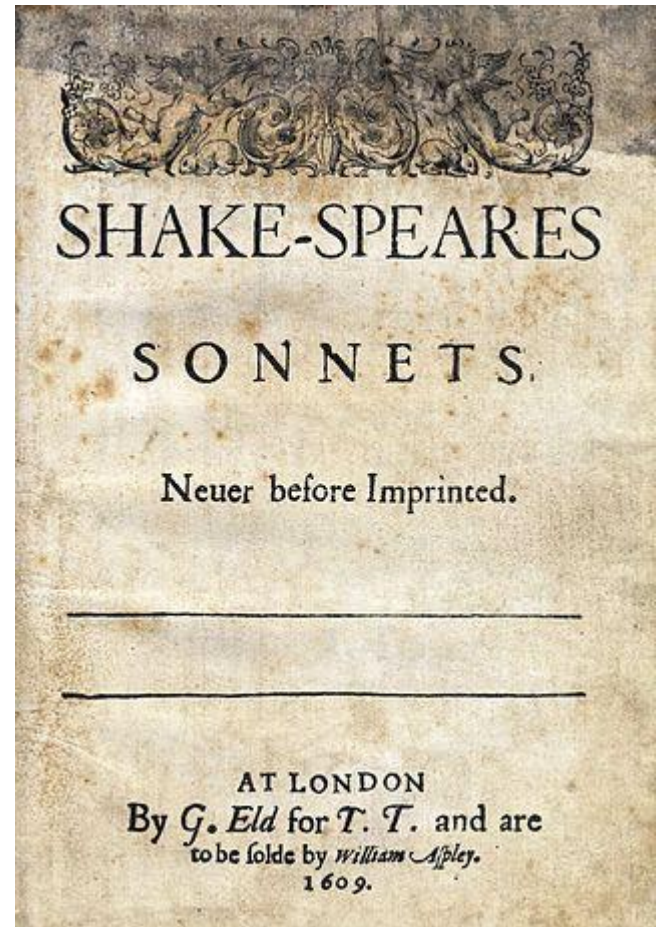


*Shakespeare's
sonnets
(The Book)*



- The sonnets were first published in a 1609
- Collection of 154 sonnets
- cover themes: such as the passage of time, love, beauty and mortality
- 126 sonnets are addressed to a young man
- 28 sonnets are addressed to a woman

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The sonnets to the young man

- express overwhelming, obsessional love
- the first 17 poems, traditionally called the **procreation sonnets**, are addressed to the young man urging him to marry and have children in order to immortalize his beauty by passing it to the next generation
- Other sonnets express the speaker's love for the young man; brood upon loneliness, death, and the transience of life

- The final two sonnets are allegorical treatments of Greek epigrams referring to the "little lovegod" Cupid.



- Thomas Thorpe,
entered the book in
the Stationers'
Register on 20 May
1609

