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Chapter 1 : Complete Works of Ben Jonson by Ben Jonson

Catiline His Conspiracy is a Jacobean tragedy written by Ben Jonson. www.nxgvision.com is one of the two Roman tragedies that Jonson hoped would cement his dramatic achievement and reputation, the other being *Sejanus His Fall* ().

It opened on 24 August each year at Smithfield, in the northwestern part of the city. Smithfield, a site of slaughterhouses and public executions, was a fitting place for a fair that was part commerce and part spectacle. At once a trading event for cloth and other goods and a pleasure fair, the four-day event drew crowds from all classes of English society. The one day of fair life represented in the play allows Jonson ample opportunity not just to conduct his plot but also to depict the vivid life of the fair, from pickpockets and bullies to justices and slumming gallants. Jonson also uses the characters that he creates as a way to comment on the social, religious and political conflicts of London society in Jacobean England. He is then pushed from the stage by the book-keeper, who serving as prologue announces a contract between author and audience. Members are not to find political satire where none is intended; they are not to take as oaths such innocuous phrases as "God quit you"; they are not to "censure by contagion", but must exercise their own judgment; moreover, they are allowed to judge only in proportion to the price of their ticket. Perhaps most important, they agree not to expect a throwback to the sword-and-buckler age of Smithfield, for Jonson has given them a picture of the present and unromantic state of the fair. This colloquy is interrupted by the entrance of Wasp, the irascible servant of Cokes, a country simpleton who is in town to marry Grace Wellborn. Littlewit and his friends also plan to go to the fair to see a puppet-show Littlewit wrote. The Renaissance audience, familiar with stage satire of Puritans, would not have been surprised that Busy, far from abhorring the fair and its debauchery, is ready to rationalise his presence there as allowable and even godly. The first act ends with both groups, the genteel Overdos and the raffish Littlewits, headed for the fair. The fair propels these characters through experiences that put their social identities under extreme strain. Justice Overdo, well-read in the "disguised prince" tradition, assumes a disguise to ferret out wrongdoing at the fair; he is beaten by Wasp, falsely accused by Edgeworth, a cut-purse, and put in the stocks. Quarlous and Winwife engage Edgeworth to steal the marriage license from Wasp; he does so when Wasp is arrested after starting a fight. Wasp, too, is put in the stocks. Win Littlewit and Mistress Overdo are enlisted as prostitutes by the pimp Whit; Zeal-of-the-land Busy is arrested for preaching without license and put into the stocks. Cokes is robbed several times by Edgeworth and other denizens of the fair. All the imprisoned characters escape when Trouble-All, a seeming madman for whom Dame Purecraft has conceived a sudden passion, fights with the guards. The climax of the play occurs at the puppet show. Madame Overdo and Win are brought in, masked, as prostitutes; Madame Overdo is drunk. Overdo is still in disguise, and Quarlous has disguised himself as Trouble-All; in this guise, he stole the marriage license from Winwife and made it into a license for himself and Purecraft. The puppet show, a burlesque of Hero and Leander and Damon and Pythias, proceeds until Busy interrupts, claiming that the play is an abomination because the actors are cross-dressed. The puppets refute him decisively by raising their clothes, revealing that they have no sex. Busy announces himself converted into a "beholder" of plays. At this point, Justice Overdo reveals himself, intent on uncovering the "enormities" he has witnessed at the fair. He is in the process of punishing all of the various schemers and malefactors when his wife still veiled throws up and begins to call for him. Various factors combined to make the godly or "precisians" obvious targets of ridicule. Though religious violence was comparatively uncommon in Jacobean England, the memory of such violence was fresh enough to make marginal believers or outsiders potential sources of anxiety or threat. In this context, stage attacks on the godly may have served to channel and release broader anxieties about social trends. Playwrights also had a more immediate reason for this animosity; Puritans had opposed the public theatre almost from its inception. Hostility to drama was not, of course, limited to separatists or Puritans; preachers of all shades of belief denounced the plays as profane and the theatres as sites of theft, drunkenness, and licentiousness. Correctly or not, playwrights treated Puritans as the main source of these attacks. On stage,

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the Puritan is a hypocritical, judgmental, and long-winded figure, masking his lusts behind a vocal obsession with trivialities; Busy, for example, announces his intention to eat pork at the fair merely to refute the charges of "Judaism" he claims are levelled at Puritans, and he ends up consuming two whole pigs. Entries in the Revels accounts indicate that the performance was repeated at Whitehall for James I the next day. The royal account also lists ten pounds paid to Nathan Field for acting in the play; in the fifth act, Jonson causes Cokes to ask the puppetmaster, "Which is your best actor now Samuel Pepys records seeing it four times in , twice with the puppet show and twice without 8 June 27 June, 31 August and 7 September The play appears to have been revived intermittently through the earlier part of the eighteenth century; after that, in keeping with the waning taste for non-Shakespearean Renaissance drama in general and for Jonson in particular, the play fell into obscurity. It retained a degree of esteem in the study even as it disappeared from the boards; both Isaac Reed and Horace Walpole praised its wealth of invention in their accounts of Renaissance drama. As with many long-ignored plays, Bartholomew Fair returned to the stage in a production by the Phoenix Societyâ€”this one, in at the New Oxford Theatre. Its first professional revival came in , when George Devine directed it at the Edinburgh International Festival ; the next year, the same production appeared at the Old Vic. The puppets in this production were performed by George Speaight. The Bristol Old Vic produced the play in The production, which cut the long text and freely mixed period and modern properties, received generally negative reviews. The play was also performed some time in the s at the University of California, Berkeley, with Stacey Keach playing Overdo. Richard Eyre produced the play for the National Theatre ; his first production as head of the theatre, it was performed on the Olivier Stage in mid- Victorian costume. Of this production, Eyre himself writes, "What felt as though it might have been a true popular success â€¦ shows itself to be dismal and unachieved. The production was later revived at the Young Vic.

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Additional Information In lieu of an abstract, here is a brief excerpt of the content: There are, as well, the six puppets who have lines. Continuity depends to an unusual degree upon chance. The plots do not thicken; they seem rather to proliferate at the command of an exuberant invention. The construction of Bartholomew Fair achieves a fine balance of delicately opposed obligations. In its multiplicity the play reflects the disorder that is its matter. In bringing shape to its sprawling action it illustrates its informing concerns: To achieve these conflicting ends Jonson employs structural devices that manage to be apparent without being conspicuous. Deprived of the built-in coherence of an intrigue-plot by the need for diffusiveness and denied the bullying tactics of chorus and direct address by the need for subtlety, Jonson relies in ordering Bartholomew Fair upon alternative techniques well grounded in his own practice and in the Jacobean dramatic idiom. Bartholomew Fair as it unfolds divides itself into quite distinct units. Jonson is for his time remarkably careful in using liaison des scenes to sustain the bow of action. They are not broken above twice or thrice at most in the whole comedy. In fact, The Silent Woman presents an empty stage five times between acts. But in a play that has, by the authoritative editing of the Folio of , twenty-seven scenes, the number is remarkably low. The third and especially the fourth acts contain numerous stage breaks; and the fifth has again few. The plays develop from a relatively static opening action in which character and intrigue are set forth to a rapid and often kaleidoscopic concatenation of events leading to a more subdued scene of resolution. Often the fifth act re-establishes a final solution that overturns or challenges a preliminary solution achieved in the rapid-fire manoeuvres of the previous act. Bartholomew Fair also conforms to this Jonsonian pattern. The termination of each of the first three You are not currently authenticated. View freely available titles:

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