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Every Man in His Humour (Paperback)

By Ben Jonson

Createspace Independent Publishing Platform, United States, 2015. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Every Man in His Humour is a 1598 play by the English playwright Ben Jonson. The play belongs to the subgenre of the humours comedy, in which each major character is dominated by an overriding humour or obsession. In general outline, this play follows Latin models quite closely. In the main plot, a gentleman named Kno well, concerned for his son s moral development, attempts to spy on his son, a typical city gallant; however, his espionage is continually subverted by the servant, Brainworm, whom he employs for this purpose. These types are clearly slightly Anglicized versions of ancient types of Greek New Comedy, namely the senex, the son, and the slave. In the subplot, a merchant named Kitley suffers intense jealousy, fearing that his wife is cuckolding him with some of the wastrels brought to his home by his brother-in-law, Wellbred. The characters of these two plots are surrounded by various humorous characters, all in familiar English types: the irascible soldier, country gull, pretentious pot-poets, surly water-bearer, and avuncular judge all make an appearance. The play works through...



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