Record Nr. UNINA9910461526303321 Autore Pemble John Titolo Shakespeare goes to Paris: how the bard conquered France / / John Pemble Pubbl/distr/stampa London;; New York:,: Hambledon and London:,: Distributed by Palgrave Macmillan, , 2005 **ISBN** 1-4725-9985-3 1-283-20190-9 9786613201904 0-8264-3626-9 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (270 p.) Disciplina 822.33 Soggetti Theater - France - History Electronic books. Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Contents: Illustrations: Preface: Introduction: 1 Farewell the Tranguil Nota di contenuto Mind; 2 A Genius in the Kingdom of Taste; 3 Stranger within the Gates; 4 A Story without an Ending; 5 Desdemona's Handkerchief; 6 His Hour upon the Stage: 7 The Trumpets of Fortinbras: 8 Waiting for Shakespeare; 9 The Metamorphosis of Envy; Notes; Index It has sometimes been assumed that the difficulty of translating Sommario/riassunto Shakespeare into French has meant that he has had little influence in France. Shakespeare Goes to Paris proves the opposite. Virtually unknown in France in his lifetime, and for well over a hundred years after his death, Shakespeare was discovered in the first half of the eighteenth century, as part of a growing French interest in England. Since then, Shakespeare's impact in France has been enormous. Writers, from Voltaire to Gide, found themsleves baffled, frustrated, mesmerised but overawed by a playwright who broke all the rules of French classical theatre and challenged the primacy of French culture.

Attempts to tame and translate him alternated with uncritical

idolisation, such as that of Berlioz and Hugo. Changing attitudes to Shakespeare have also been an index of French self-esteem, as John

Pemble shows in his sparkingly written book