

The most excellent  
Historie of the *Merchant*  
of *Venice*.

With the extreame crueltie of *Shylocke* the Iewe  
towards the sayd Merchant, in cutting a iust pound  
of his flesh: and the obtayning of *Portia*  
by the choyse of three  
chests.

*As it hath beene diuers times acted by the Lord  
Chamberlaine his Seruants.*

Written by William Shakespeare.



AT LONDON,  
Printed by *I. R.* for Thomas Heyes,  
and are to be sold in Paules Church-yard, at the  
signe of the Greene Dragon.

1600.

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