

TIMON OF ATHENS

Timon of Athens is a bitterly intriguing study of a fabulously rich man who wastes his wealth on his friends, and, when he is finally impoverished, learns to despise humanity with a hatred that drives him to his grave. The play's plot structure is schematically clear, and the poetry of Timon's rage is arresting in its savage intensity. Yet readers have often detected loose ends, and the tone of...



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O you gods, what a number of men eat Timon, and he sees 'em not! It grieves me to see so many dip their meat in one man's blood; and all the madness is, he cheers them up too. I wonder men dare trust themselves with men: Methinks they should invite them without knives; Good for their meat, and safer for their lives. There's much example for't; the fellow that sits next him now, parts bread with him, pledges the breath of...

Flavius. O my good lord, the world is but a word: Were it all yours to give it in a breath, How quickly were it gone! William Shakespeare, Timon of Athens //

Reader's Opinions

This play reminded me of Dickens' "A Christmas Carol" or Frank Capra's "It's a Wonderful Life" only in reverse. Timon is a generous man who lives beyond his means. He feels...

This is kind of a third-rate Shakespearean tragedy, but while it lacks the depth and subtlety of a Lear or an Othello, it does serve as an interesting social commentary.