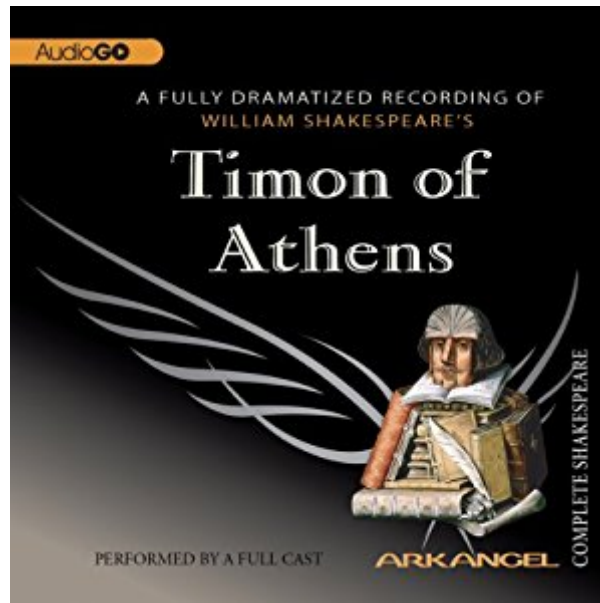




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# Timon Of Athens: Arkangel Shakespeare



## Synopsis

This controversial play follows the declining fortunes of a man of extravagant contradictions. The fabulously rich Timon believes all his friends to be as open-hearted and generous as himself. When his wealth suddenly evaporates, however, he discovers the truth and his altruism turns to a bitter hatred of mankind. Stirred up by the cynical Apemantus, Timon retreats to the woods where he plots the destruction of Athens, the city that had formerly seemed to embody everything pleasurable and civilized. The cosmic scope of his hatred is communicated in a series of powerful and disturbing dramatic tableaux. Alan Howard is Timon and Norman Rodway is Apemantus. Damian Lewis play Alcibiades.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

I recently read through the complete works of Shakespeare and Timon of Athens was my surprise favorite. I figured it would be one of the less rewarding plays since I rarely hear it referenced, but it turned out to be a delightful premise full of the best Shakespearean insults in the canon. It's a short play and some argue that the ending is left unfinished, but I'm obsessed with it. The Arkangel dramatization no doubt contributing to my positive impression. The entire cast is extremely talented, nailing the timing and executing spot-on delivery. I highly recommend reading this play along with this audio version.

Not the play . . . my issue is with the edition. For that price, I assumed, hoped, that I was getting a used standard size issue, not this pocket edition with small text. There was nothing in the ad to

indicate edition size, and if you're reading on stage, this is too small. Disappointed!

The play is fine, but this Kindle edition is horrible. The blank-verse lines are rendered as run-on sentences with no breaks between them. There is no differentiation in the font or typeface between the name of the character speaking and what they are saying so it's very confusing. It contains many, many errors.. After wasting \$.99 on the Kindle edition, I found far superior free versions on-line, so save your money or buy a hard copy.

Seriously? It's Shakespeare, and Arden. Best combination, despite the fact that this is NOT one of Shakespeare's best. However, it is one of the plays most relevant for contemporary audiences, especially given the economic climate of today. The play, probably written by Shakespeare in collaboration with another playwright (probably Middleton) is choppy and somewhat confusing in parts. It's believed that there are sections missing, and that makes sense when you read the overall play. Read the play for the individual scenes, and the sometimes unintentional humor. It's worth the time, and thought, that Shakespeare requires.

Apparently a direct transcription of the physical book's text, the Kindle edition of this play is very poorly formatted. Line-breaks are muddled and the editorial notes get mixed up in the play-text proper. Very disappointed that Pelican would do this -- I imagine they simply wanted an easy way onto the ebook market and didn't think about the mechanics of what they were doing at all. If you need electronic Shakespeare, get it somewhere else.

I am a huge Shakespeare fan, but I admit Timon of Athens is not his most entertaining read. The story follows the tragic downfall of the wealthy, powerful, generous Timon, as his financial collapse drives him to madness. The story is very depressing, but it is very insightful with powerful character development.

Almost unreadable in Kindle. Formatting is terrible. Not even worth 99 cents

Used book. Pages just a bit darker than new. Clean book, no markings whatever. Very good item for the price.

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