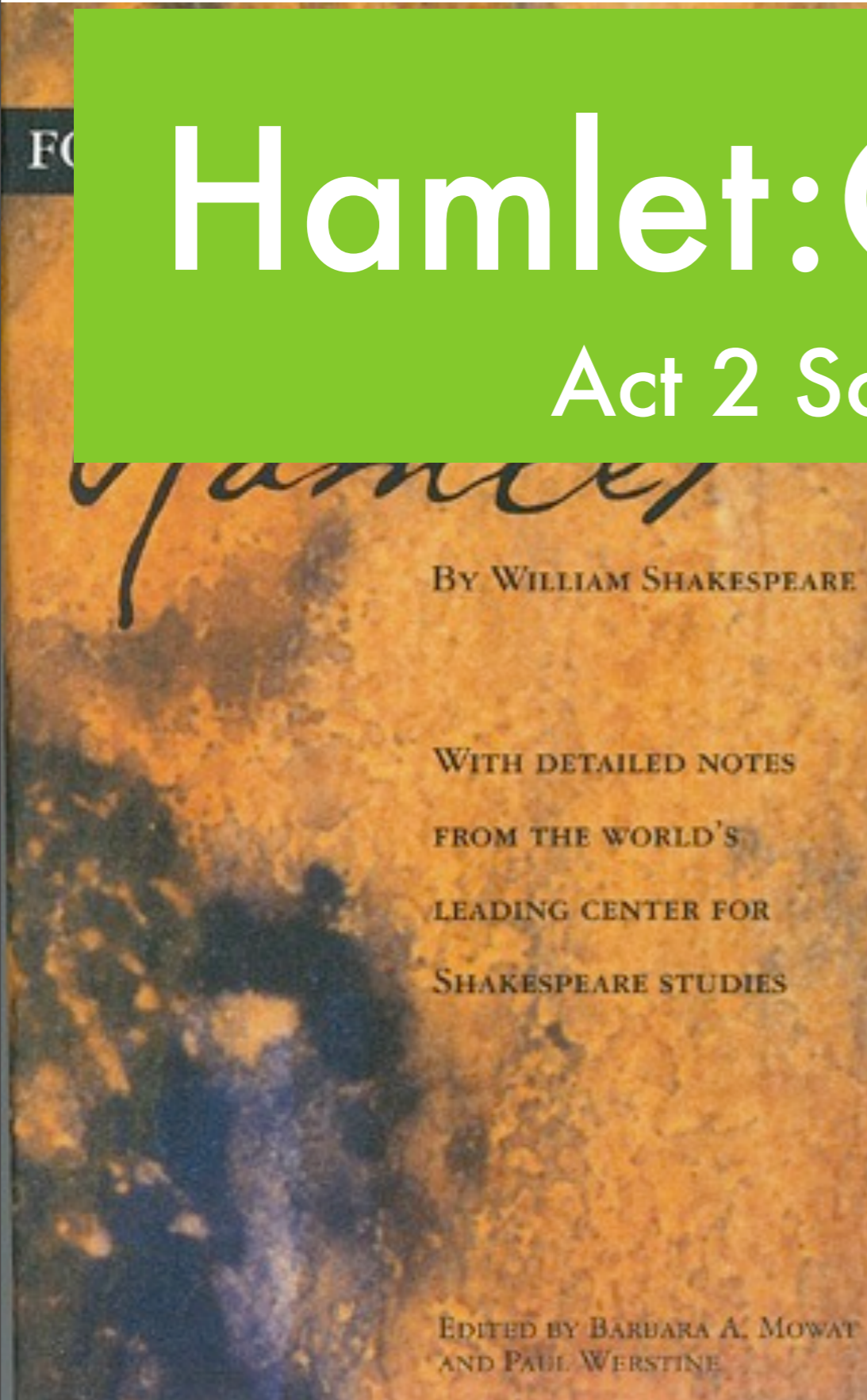


# Hamlet: Close Reading

Act 2 Scene 2: Line 316-328



# Line 316-319

"I will tell you why; so shall my  
anticipation prevent your  
discovery, an your secrecy to  
the King and Queen molt no  
feather".

Why are you here? It seems as though you have underlying intentions.

If you are here for the king and queen tell them not to worry!

# Line 319-326

I have of late, but wherefore I know not, lost  
all my mirth, foregone all customs of  
exercises, and indeed, it goes so heavily  
with my disposition that this goodly frame,  
the earth, seems to me sterile promontory;  
this most excellent canopy, the air look you,  
this brave o'er-hanging firmament, this  
majestical roof, fretted with golden fire- why  
it appeareth nothing to me but foul and  
pestilent congregation of vapors.

Hamlet means  
lately things  
have not been  
fun for me  
any more.  
Things that re  
usual are not  
enjoyable.

The beautiful  
sky that we  
see things that  
are beautiful  
are nothing  
more than  
diseased sky  
for me.