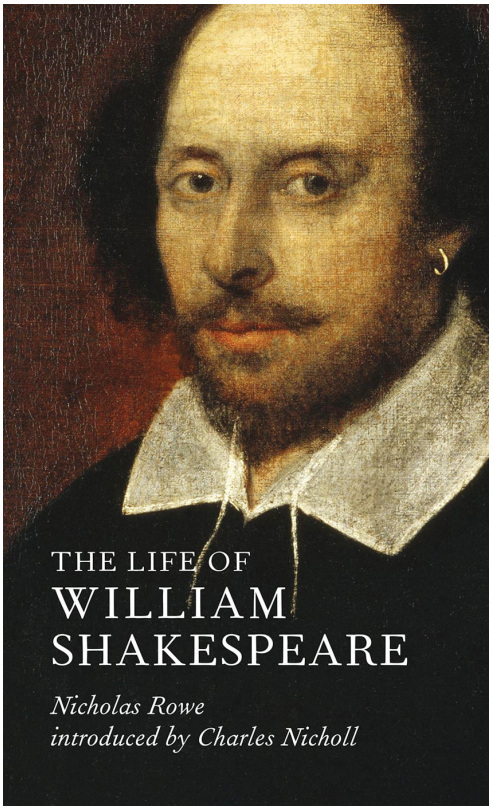
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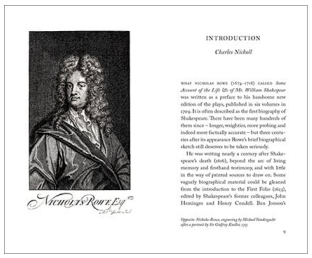
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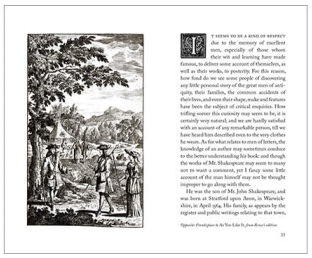
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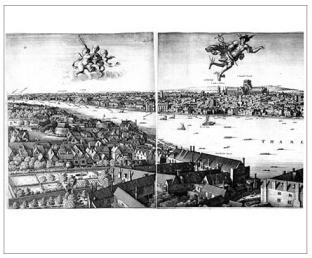
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Charles Nicholl is the author of several biographical studies of Shakespeare and his contemporaries, including *The Lodger*, about Shakespeare's life in Jacobean Cripplegate; *A Cup of News*, about the pamphleteer Thomas Nashe; and an acclaimed investigation into the death of Christopher Marlowe, *The Reckoning*. His many awards include the Hawthornden Prize and the James Tait Black Prize for Biography.







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