Shakespeare and Marlowe in the Wake of 9/11

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This article examines the relationship between Shakespeare and Marlowe as it has been portrayed in biographical forms in the early twenty-first century. Just six months before the 9/11 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, Katherine Duncan-Jones's biography of Shakespeare, entitled Ungentle Shakespeare, burst on the scene and the political landscape was as altered as the biographical renderings of the two playwrights. I begin my survey with a brief review of Duncan-Jones's book, before focusing on biographical works which followed hers to show how twenty-first-century biography has already re-written the relationship.
There has been substantial previous work on the question of Shakespearean authorship using the principles of stylometry. Mendenhall (1901) examined the word length frequency distribution of different authors, showing that, in fact, there was consistency along this distribution across works by an author, and it is also true that sometimes authors had very different word length frequency distributions. In the same study, Mendenhall claimed that the word-length frequency distribution of Christopher Marlowe (a popular candidate in the authorship debate) “agrees with Shakespeare as well as Shakespeare agrees with himself.”

Christopher Marlowe Biography. Poet, Playwright (c. 1564–1593). Playwright, poet. Christopher Marlowe was a poet and playwright at the forefront of the 16th-century dramatic renaissance. His works influenced William Shakespeare and generations of writers to follow. Synopsis. Born in Canterbury, England, in 1564. While Christopher Marlowe's literary career lasted less than six years, and his life only 29 years, his achievements, most notably the play The Tragicall History of Doctor Faustus, ensured his lasting legacy. Early Years. Christopher Marlowe was born in Canterbury around February In the Wake of 9-11 has 51 ratings and 5 reviews. This text explores the emotions of despair, fear and anger that arose after the terrorist attacks on th... The authors focus primarily on the reaction in the US to the 9/11 attack, but their model is applicable to all instances of terrorism, and they expand their discussion to include the Israeli-Palastinian conflict. ...more. Get A Copy. Kindle Store.