



JULIUS CÆSAR

Date of the Play.

Julius Cæsar was probably written in the year 1600, as practically all the evidence points to that date. It was first published in what is known as the *Folio* of 1623.

Sources of the Plot.

Shakespeare obtained his material for *Julius Cæsar* from Thomas North's translation of Plutarch's *Lives* of Cæsar, Brutus, and Antony, which was published in 1595. On the whole, Shakespeare followed Plutarch's story very closely, departing from the original only where necessary for dramatic effect.