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"Leon Garfield's performance in *Shakespeare Stories* is masterly. *The Merchant of Venice*, *The Taming of the Shrew*, *Twelfth Night*, and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* best reveal the virtuosity Mr. Garfield has developed in many years of writing dozens of children's books and historical novels. In Mr. Garfield's deft narratives the laughter is the same that one finds in the plays, but so is the uneasiness. He gets the balances right." —D. J. R. Bruckner, *The New York Times*

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About the Author

Leon Garfield (1921–1996) was born and raised in the seaside town of Brighton, England. His father owned a series of businesses, and the family's fortunes fluctuated wildly. Garfield enrolled in art school, left to work in an office, and in 1940 was drafted into the army, serving in the medical corps. After the war, he returned to London and worked as a biochemical technician. In 1948 he married Vivian Alcock, an artist who would later become a successful writer of children's books, and it was she who encouraged him to write his first novel, *Jack Holborn*, which was published in 1964. In all, Garfield would write some fifty books, including a continuation of Charles Dickens's *Mystery of Edwin Drood* and retellings of biblical and Shakespearean stories. Among his best-known books are *Devil-in-the-Fog* (1966, winner of *The Guardian* Children's Fiction Prize), *Smith* (1967, published in The New York Review Children's Collection), *The God Beneath the Sea* (1970, winner of the Carnegie Medal), and *John Diamond* (1980, winner of the Whitbread Award).

Michael Foreman has illustrated more than one hundred books, including those for stories by J.M. Barrie, the Brothers Grimm, Charles Dickens, and Oscar Wilde. His most recent work includes *The Seeds of Friendship*, which he wrote and illustrated, and the illustrations for Michael Morpurgo's retellings of *Sir*

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