**book - Shakespeare's First Folio**

**Object:** book

**Place of origin:** London (published)

**Date:** 1623 (published)

**Artist/Maker:**
- Shakespeare, William, born 1564 - died 1616 (author)
- Jaggard, Isaac, born 17 (printer)
- Blount, Edward (printer)

**Museum number:** Dyce 8936

**Gallery location:** In Storage

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**Public access description**

The first collected edition of Shakespeare's plays, this book was published seven years after his death. Without this precious edition, 18 of his plays would be entirely unknown.

**Descriptive line**


**Physical description**

Book, Shakespeare's first folio, letterpress, ink on paper, printed by Isaac Jaggard and Edward Blount, London, 1623

First folio ed.; first issue. Includes portrait of William Shakespeare.

The title page and lines "To the reader," remounted ; the vol. cut down and mended in several places.


**Dimensions**

Length: 334 mm Head to tail of closed book closed, Width: 225 mm closed, Depth: 55 mm width of spine area closed book

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**Object history note**


**URL**

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