

# The Shakespeare Stealer Plot Summary

## **Chapters 1&2**

- Meet Widge, learn he's an orphan.
- Meet Dr. Bright, teaches Widge to write *Charactery*, steals sermons.
- Learn that Dr. Bright has sold Widge to another master for his skills.

## **Chapters 3&4**

- New master and Widge traveling, get harassed by thieves, new master defeats them.

## **Chapters 5&6**

- Learn who Falconer is.
- Widge learns why Mr. Bass has purchased his services. Is given his mission.
- Falconer and Widge leave for London, scenes of London are described.

## **Chapters 7&8**

- Introduced to the theatre district of London, The Globe.
- Widge's first attempt at copying *Hamlet*, missed some lines as he was so engaged in the play itself.

## **Chapters 9, 10, &11**

- Widge's second attempt at copying *Hamlet*.
- Widge discovered by the cannoneer, cannon causes fire, Widge has lost his notebook, is finally caught by Mr. Pope behind the theater.
- Widge lies and says he wants to become a player, Mr. Pope takes him in, meet Sander.

## **Chapters 12&13**

- Widge's first play rehearsal.
- Meet Mr. Armin, Mr. Phillips, Nick, and Julian.
- Widge searches for his book, it is gone.
- Widge's and Sander's friendship grows, Falconer chases Widge and Widge ends up in a pack of thieves.

## **Chapters 14, 15 & 16**

- Julian saves Widge from thieves.
- Players start working on the new roof for The Globe, Widge is given the job of feeding the lines, performance, Nick comes in drunk, Widge learns about the business of stealing plays.
- Widge starts to really enjoy acting.

## **Chapters 17&18**

- Falconer threatens Widge.
- Widge plays his first part, Pedringano.
- Widge contemplates right and wrong of the situation, gets locked in the property room overnight looking for the script, Hemings wants to question him about it .

## **Chapters 19&20**

- Hemings tells Widge that if his master comes to get him, that the company will buy Widge from his old master.
- Julian, Widge and Sander's friendships grow, Shakespeare arrives, players set to perform at Whitehall.
- Julian is discovered to be a girl.

## **Chapters 21&22**

- Nick has a fit that Julian is a girl, drinks himself drunk, bar fight ensues.
- Learn why girls are not permitted in the theatre.

## **Chapters 23&24**

- Widge takes on Julian's part of Ophelia, meets Queen Elizabeth.
- Widge spots Nick talking with Falconer, has a decision to make.
- Widge discovers Nick stealing the script.

## **Chapters 25, 26, & 27**

- Nick and Widge fight, Nick escapes.
- Mr. Armin and Widge go after Nick.
- Falconer and Mr. Armin fight, Widge gets the script back, Falconer's true identity is revealed, Falconer dies.
- Company forgives Widge, gives Widge multiple roles.
- Reunion with Julia.