

William Shakespeare

JULIUS
CAESAR

Read by **Andrew Buchan, Paul Rhys** and **cast**
Directed by **David Timson**

*'How many ages hence
Shall this our lofty scene be acted over
In states unborn and accents yet unknown!'* (Act III sc.i)

Julius Caesar is Shakespeare's most political play. He examines whether political assassination can ever be justified, and the effect of this act of violence on its perpetrators. The high ideals of Brutus are tested to the full by the consequences of Julius Caesar's murder, as is the self-interest of Cassius. In the chaos that ensues, the opportunism of Mark Antony and Octavius is served, rather than the cause of freedom. In this classic study of power, Shakespeare shows the devastating effects political decisions can have on personal lives.

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