

Summing Up the Tale of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

In Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, four young lovers find themselves in the crossfire of supernatural forces when they venture into a magical forest and their love lives become comically entangled. The forest, outside of Athens, is home to a vindictive Faerie King who seeks to make his wife pay for her disobedience by giving her a potion that will cause her to fall in love with the next thing she sees, which happens to be a labourer and aspiring actor who has been anointed with the head of an ass. One of the young lovers is also mistakenly placed under the same spell, which causes a series of unfortunate events and misunderstandings, but all is well in the end, as the young lovers marry and a great celebration ensues.