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The purpose of this lecture is twofold: 1) to demonstrate the potentiality of *symbolic* meaning in all names and 2) to show that Shakespeare's names had *symbolic* meanings that were clear to people of his time. Grammatically speaking, names are commonly discussed as fixed, *indexical* designations of individual referents. However, our use of language is fundamentally *symbolic*; an act of reference is the quintessential use of language; and the *symbolic* meanings of names can often be seen in the figurative language of imaginative literature.

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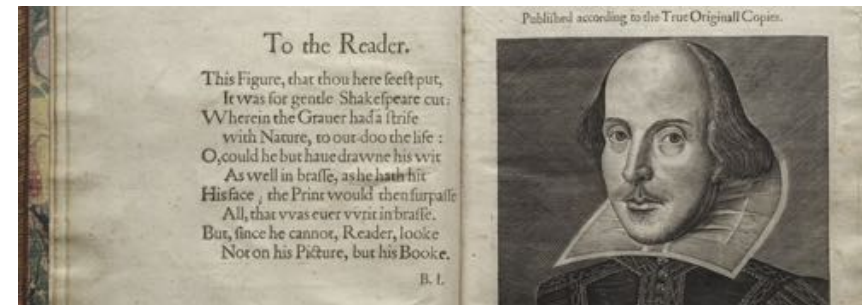


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