

Come meet Sudbury's own

# Bill Littlefield

Saturday May 6, 2023

1:00-3:00

**Bill will be signing copies of his latest book "Mercy".**

In a neighborhood nondescript except for how often small houses are being torn down to make way for big houses, a beautiful woman too young to be widowed waits for her husband to come home from prison. Arthur Baladino is getting out courtesy of a compassionate leave program, the theory being that he's too feeble to shoot anybody else.

Next door to the Baladino home, a little boy in a baseball uniform asks his father, "What happens when you die?" It's a question the father will soon confront in a terrible and surprising way. Just down the street, a young woman is trying to figure out how to re-start her life after her husband has lost his money, hers, and their home by day-trading in their basement. Elsewhere in the neighborhood,

several women and a couple of men—two of them accomplished arsonists who've sometimes been employed by Arthur Baladino—dream of what might have been if they'd been wiser, more patient, or luckier in a past long dead everywhere but in their imaginations.

On a landscape more often than not indifferent, these people seek mercy, if not in love, than in the sometimes rickety, temporary alternative connections they can find with their fellow seekers.

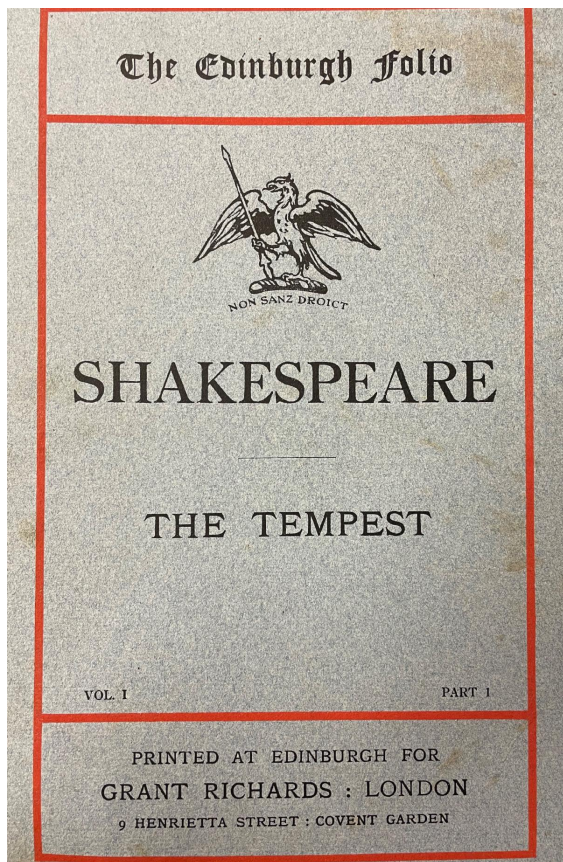
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For twenty-five years, Bill Littlefield hosted and wrote for **NPR's** weekly sports magazine program, ***Only A Game***, which he helped to create in 1993. His commentaries enlivened *Morning Edition* and *The Boston Globe* and various other papers and magazines. Bill is the author of seven books including two novels, including his newest novel, *Mercy*. He was professor of English at Curry College for 39 years.

If you can't make it Saturday, May 6, we can **preorder a signed copy for you. \$20.95**

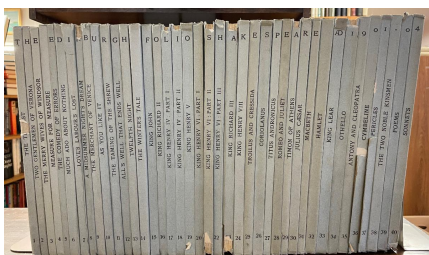
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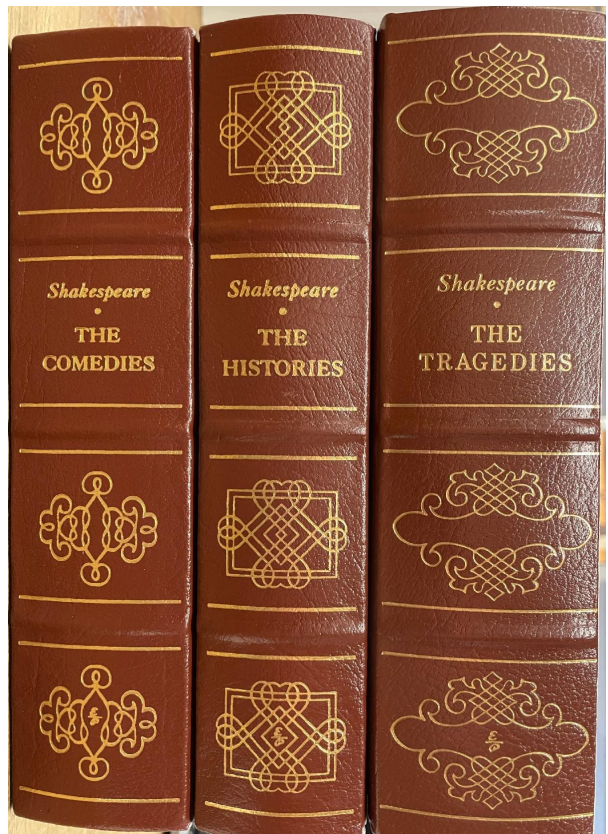


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