

THE HAMLET'S CHOICE

BIBLE | FEATURE FILM SCREENPLAY | JACKLYN A. LO

BASED ON

William Shakespeare's "The Tragedy of Hamlet, Prince of Denmark"

SCREENPLAY

93 pages

TAGLINE

History is not made by leaders, but by their choice.

LOGLINE

Despite popular belief that members of the royal family have no choice, the Danish prince of the Middle Ages exercises his Free Will in spite of a high risk to his life.

GENRE

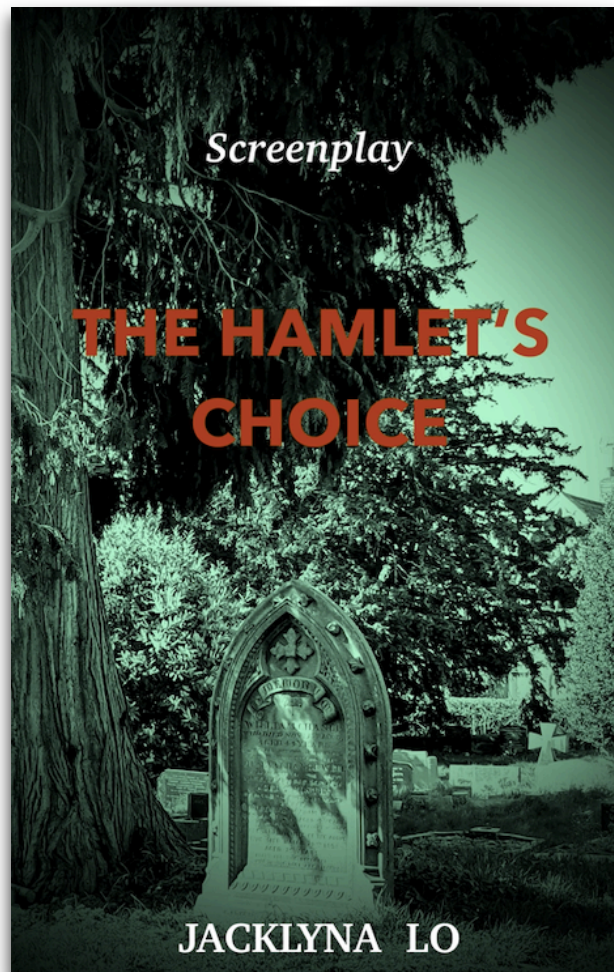
Historical Psychological Fiction.
Gothic Fiction (?)

LOCATION & TIMING

- Europe, Denmark
- Elsinore City
- Kronborg Castle
- XIV-Century

MAIN CHARACTERS

- HAMLET: Prince of Denmark a son of Hamlet King
- CLAUDIUS: uncle of Hamlet
- GERTRUDE: mother of Hamlet Hamlet



SYNOPSIS

Reimagine "Hamlet" where choice defies destiny. In 14th-century Denmark, Prince Hamlet grapples with his father's murder, seeking truth and love rather than blind vengeance.

MAIN CHARACTERS

- GERTRUDE: mother of Hamlet
- POLONIUS: a high-ranked courtier, father of Ophelia and Laertes
- OPHELIA: beloved of Hamlet
- LAERTES: a brother of Ophelia

MINOR CHARACTERS

- MAGNUS: gravedigger, personal consultant of Hamlet
- GHOST: Returned from Hell King Hamlet
- ROSENCRANZ: Hamlet's childhood friend
- GUILDENSTERN: Hamlet's childhood friend

OTHER MINOR

- FORTINBRAS: Prince of Norway
- OSRIC: courtier
- GENTLEMAN: potential husband for Ophelia



Unlike Shakespeare's Hamlet, his choices are deeply explored, revealing internal struggles and a yearning for a different path.

He finds an unlikely confidant in the expanded role of the gravedigger Magnus, and even strikes an intriguing alliance with pirate captain Henrik, seeking freedom from the suffocating royal court.

The year is 1395.

LAERTES convinces his sister OPHELIA that HAMLET never marries her because as a member of the royal family, he doesn't have his own choice.

Hamlet, mourning the death of his father, comes to the cemetery and meets the quirky gravedigger MAGNUS.

Magnus tells the prince that his father's GHOST appears every night in the graveyard.

Hamlet comes to see the ghost, who tells him that the king was poisoned by his brother CLAUDIUS and requests Hamlet to take revenge.

At the same time, Polonius asks Ophelia to stop seeing Hamlet. She obeys her father and returns love letters to her beloved.

Hamlet is very worried about the break in relations with Ophelia. To hide his emotional wounds, he becomes rude to her.

Meanwhile, Hamlet's childhood friends ROSENCRANZ and GUILDENSTERN come to visit him. The king and queen give them a task of spying on Hamlet.

Entertainers - comedians also arrive in Elsinore City. Hamlet takes Magnus' advice to check on his uncle and adds his own text to the play.

When Claudius sees his crime on stage, he leaves the performance. Hamlet realizes that the ghost of his father told him the truth and prepares for revenge.

However, when he approaches Claudius with a dagger in his hand, he realizes that the king is praying to God, which means that after death he will go to heaven, and not to hell.

Hamlet meets Magnus, who advises him not to hurry with

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But Ophelia still loves Hamlet. Frustrated, she wishes her father dead and pretends to be crazy.

At dinner, Polonius chokes on food and dies. Ophelia gets so upset that she actually loses her mind.

Laertes returns home to find out that his father is dead and his sister has gone mad. Claudius convinces him that Hamlet is to blame for everything and sets Laertes against the prince.

Ophelia's grief over her lost love and father leads her to the riverbank, where she falls into the water and drowns.

At the same time, after a pirate attack on his ship, Hamlet decides to return to Denmark for Ophelia and discovers that she is dead.

Claudius arranges a fencing bet between Hamlet and Laertes and prepares poisoned wine for his nephew.

Ophelia comes to Hamlet in a dream to warn him of Claudius' trap, but Hamlet relies on fate.

Laertes smears the point of his sword with poison and wounds Hamlet.

Gertrude drinks the poisoned wine instead of her son and dies.

Hamlet mortally wounds Laertes, who confesses to colluding with Claudius.

Hamlet kills his uncle and goes to the sea to die alone.

Norwegian prince FORTINBRAS buries Hamlet with honors.