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widely available editions to **AVOID**

impossible to cite
NO LINE NUMBERS
and/or
NO FOOTNOTES
typos...

You'll need a copy of Shakespeare's play that includes:



NO FOOTNOTES
misleading paraphrases

- the ORIGINAL TEXT of the play
- LINE NUMBERS
- helpful ANNOTATIONS & FOOTNOTES

Mr. Benton's **RECOMMENDED** editions 2026

"Arden" **\$12.95**
excessive (but excellent) footnotes

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"Barnes & Noble" **\$11.99**
down-to-earth, practical footnotes with lots of room for annotations

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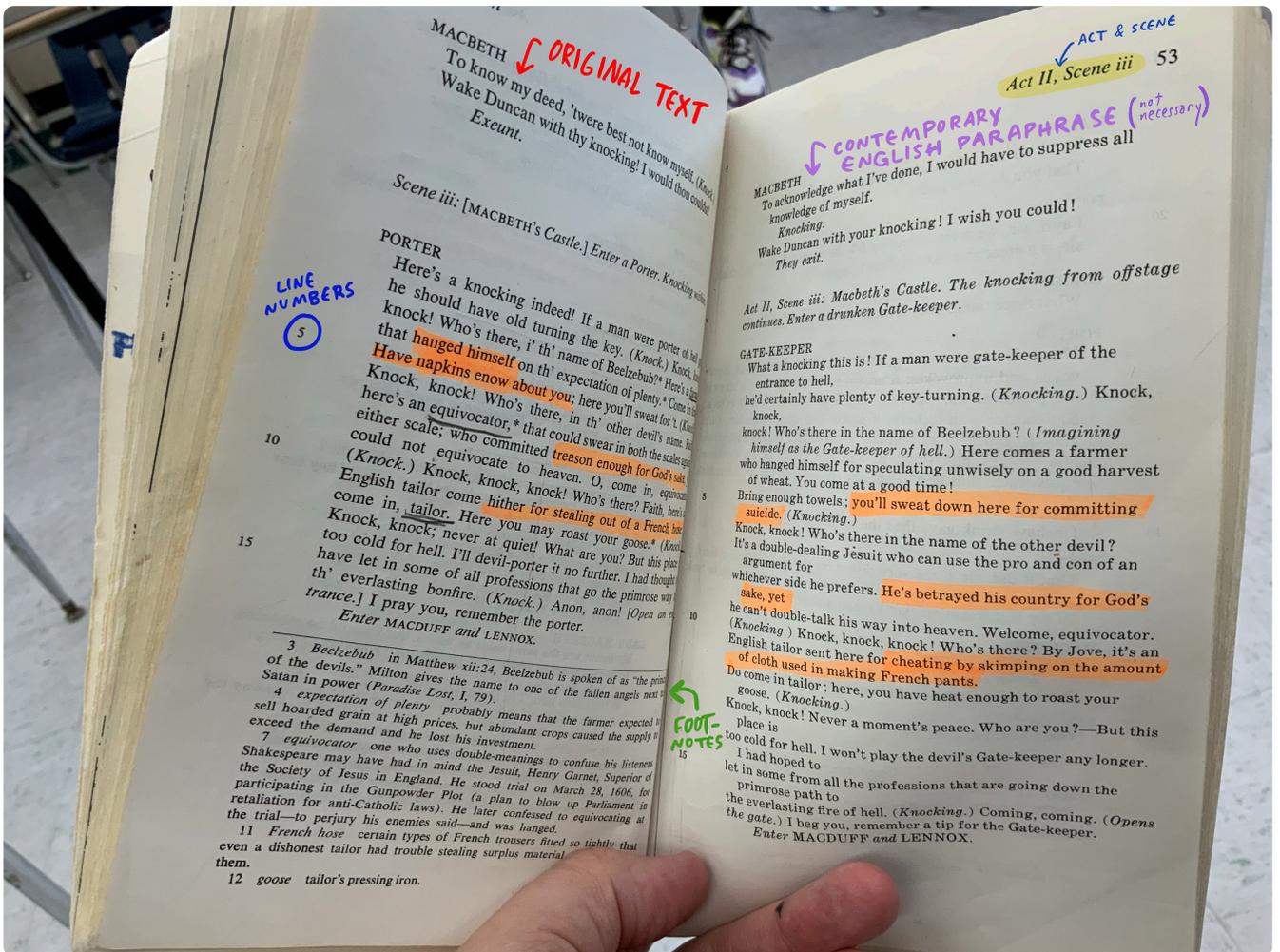
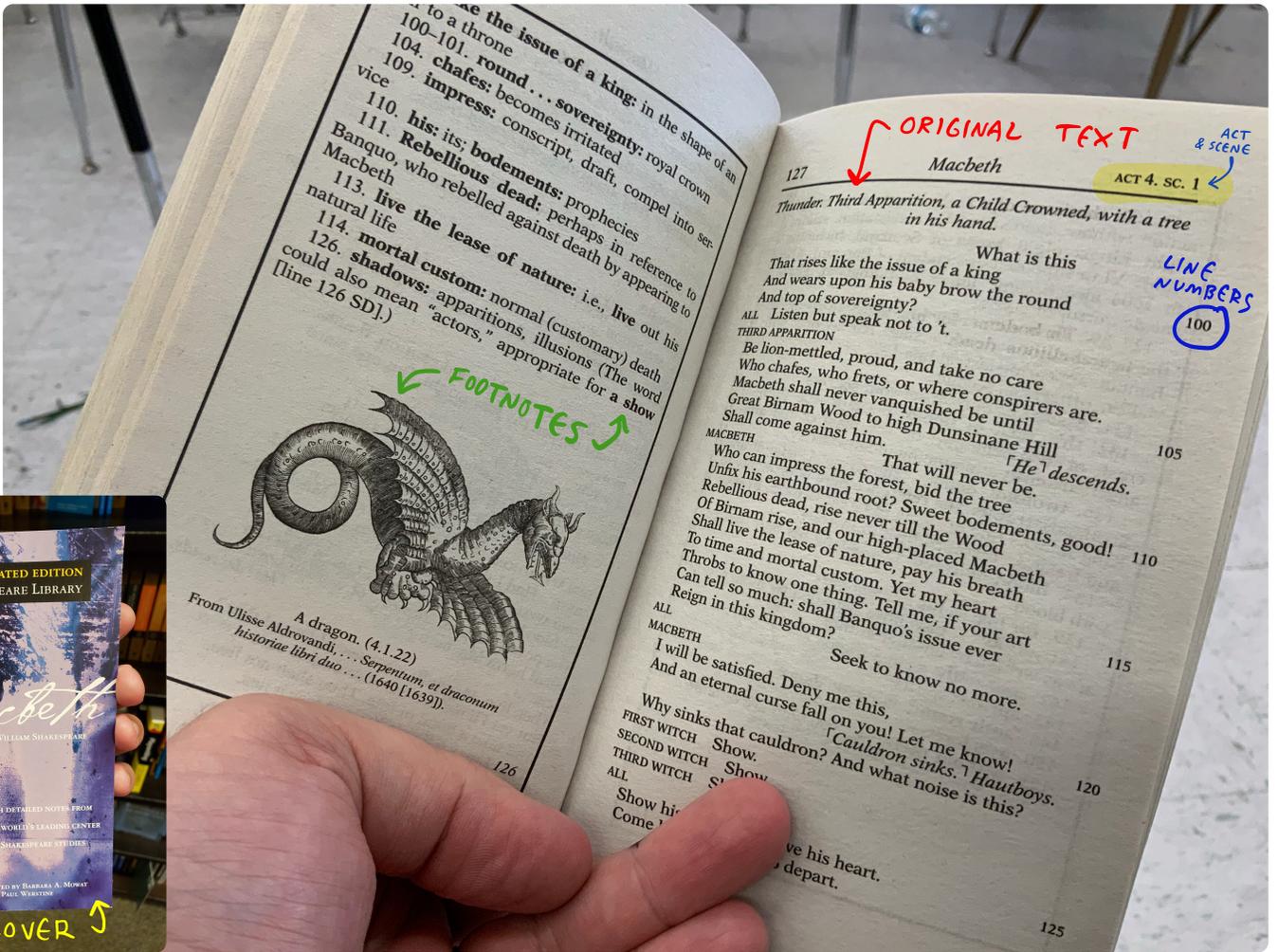
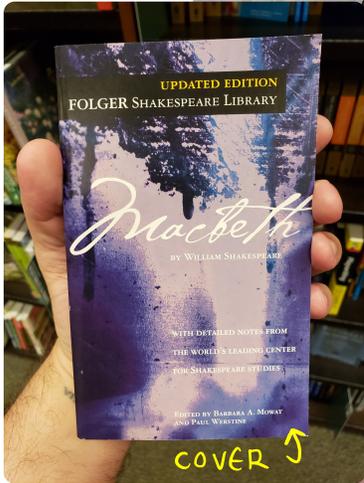
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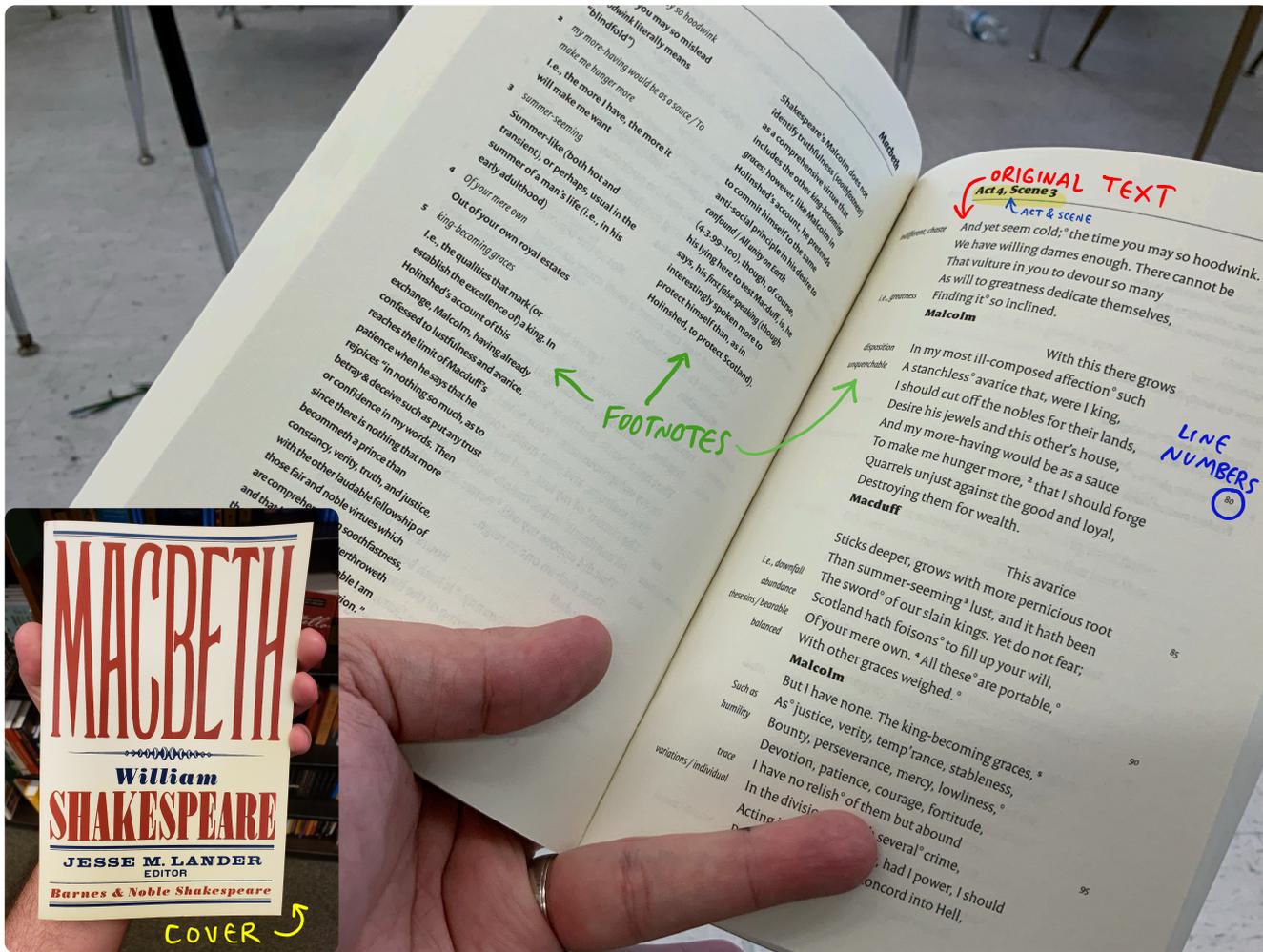
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a solid choice with reliably helpful footnotes and some room for your own thoughts

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ORIGINAL TEXT

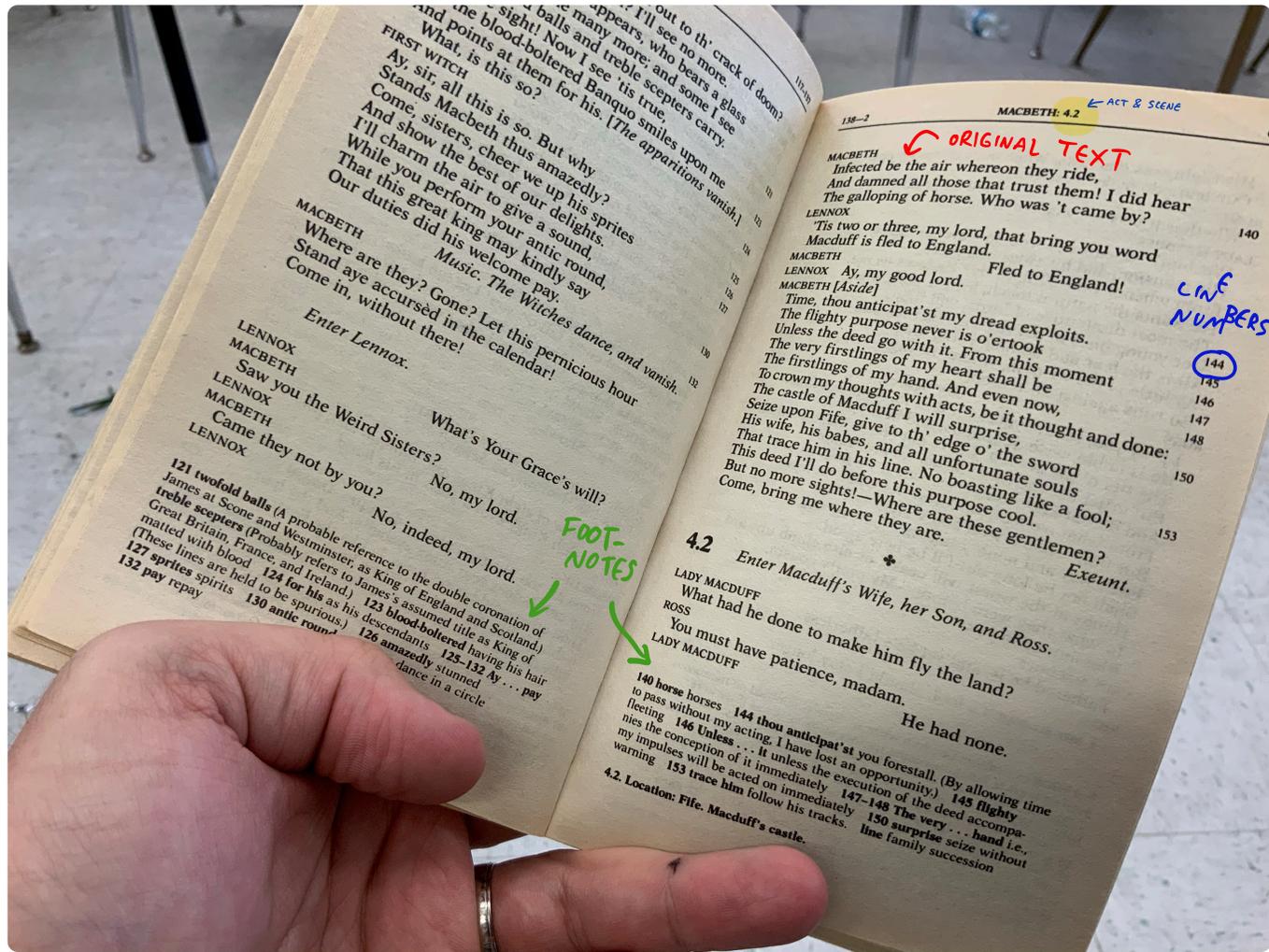
ACT & SCENE

LINE NUMBERS
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FOOTNOTES

And yet seem cold: the time you may so hoodwink.
 That vulture in you to devour so many
 As will to greatness dedicate themselves,
 Finding it so inclined.
Malcolm
 In my most ill-composed affection grows
 I should cut off the nobles for their lands,
 Desire his jewels and this other's house,
 To make me hunger more, that I should forge
 Quarrels unjust against the good and loyal,
 Destroying them for wealth.

Sticks deeper, grows with more pernicious root
 Than summer-seeming lust, and it hath been
 The sword of our slain kings. Yet do not fear;
 Scotland hath foisons to fill up your will,
 With other graces weighed.
Malcolm
 But I have none. The king-becoming graces,
 As justice, verity, temperance, stablesness,
 Bounty, perseverance, mercy, lowliness,
 Devotion, patience, courage, fortitude,
 I have no relish of them but abound
 In the division of several crime,
 Acting in many parts, where one might do
 Concord into Hell,



ORIGINAL TEXT

ACT & SCENE

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 144

FOOTNOTES

Infected be the air whereon they ride,
 And damned all those that trust them! I did hear
 The galloping of horse. Who was 't came by?
LENNOX
 'Tis two or three, my lord, that bring you word
 Macduff is fled to England.
MACBETH
 Fled to England!
LENNOX Ay, my good lord.
MACBETH [Aside]
 Time, thou anticipat'st my dread exploits.
 The flighty purpose never is o'ertook
 Unless the deed go with it. From this moment
 The very firstlings of my heart shall be
 To crown my thoughts with acts, be it thought and done:
 The castle of Macduff I will surprise,
 Seize upon Fife, give to th' edge o' the sword
 His wife, his babes, and all unfortunate souls
 That trace him in his line. No boasting like a fool;
 This deed I'll do before this purpose cool.
 But no more sights!—Where are these gentlemen?
 Come, bring me where they are.

4.2 Enter Macduff's Wife, her Son, and Ross.
LADY MACDUFF
 What had he done to make him fly the land?
ROSS
 You must have patience, madam.
LADY MACDUFF
 He had none.

121 twofold balls (A probable reference to the double coronation of James at Scone and Westminster, as King of England and Scotland.)
 122 treble scepters (Probably refers to James's assumed title as King of Great Britain, France, and Ireland.)
 123 blood-boltered having his hair matted with blood.
 124 for his as his descendants.
 125-132 Ay... pay 127 sprites spirits 130 antic round 126 amazedly stunned dance in a circle

140 horse horses 144 thou anticipat'st you forestall. (By allowing time to pass without my acting, I have lost an opportunity.)
 145 flighty 146 Unless... it unless the execution of the deed accompanies the conception of it immediately.
 147-148 The very... hand i.e., my impulses will be acted on immediately.
 150 surprise seize without warning 153 trace him follow his tracks. line family succession

4.2. Location: Fife. Macduff's castle.

