Subject: Re:Hamlet, I was transfixed
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Bill, You watched Hamlet instead of I-know-what?! I am surprised andgratified since I don't watch I-know-what either. Interesting that you mention high school and Hamlet. You see,it was a highschool event that introduced me to Shakespeare. At the time a well-known tv personality named Clifton Fadiman made a filmfor teachers on Hamlet. My Hs friend's mother was the teacher who had this show. What it did was have Fadiman take the viewer throughHamlet as a detective story-- something a kid could understand. I pretty much got hooked on it from then on and even pursued theatre studies for a time. I have seen pretty much all the Hamlets. That, as WalterBrennan used to say is, "No brag, just fact." (cf "The Guns ofWill Sonnet"). I'd have to go back to the Lethal Weapon one but I recall thatit was a pretty weak Hamlet compared to the Kenneth Brannaugh one. Perhaps you will see another Hamlet to compare and contrast (?) Right now there is a "Merchant of Venice" in the theatres with one of the Corleone clan playing Shylock. Thankfully, it isn'tJames Caan.