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provides substantial analysis of each play complete with vital explanations of the traditions and background to euripides s world about the series for over 100 years oxford world s classics has made available the widest range of literature from around the globe each affordable volume reflects oxford s commitment to scholarship providing the most accurate text plus a wealth of other valuable features including expert introductions by leading authorities helpful notes to clarify the text up to date bibliographies for further study and much more first major collection by a leading hispanic american playwright aeschylus 525 456 bc brought a new grandeur and epic sweep to the drama of classical athens raising it to the status of high art the persians the only greek tragedy to deal with events from recent athenian history depicts the final defeat of persia in the battle of salamis through the eyes of the persian court of king xerxes becoming a tragic lesson in tyranny in prometheus bound the 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and language of the plays belie their theatrical and psychological sophistication tin soldier a powerful poetic drama an epic fable for our times independent a tasty tale hansel and gretel delicious moments fashioned into a rhyming feast time out hood in the wood little red riding hood a first rate piece of storytelling that will make children squeal with terrified delight and parents shiver with recognition guardian a level 1 oxford bookworms library graded reader this version includes an audio book listen to the story as you read retold for learners of english by clare west how do you get a licence if you want to keep a monkey what can you do if your wife has a lover how can you see into the future where can you go for an exciting but cheap holiday somewhere hot and far away how can you persuade your girlfriend or boyfriend to marry you the characters in these six original short plays are looking for answers to these questions while trying to solve their problems people get into some very funny situations each play gives an amusing view of life today and there is often an unexpected ending set in st louis during the depression of the 1930s this work is a personal account of the author s family and its gradual disintegration as it succumbed to external and internal pressures the celebrated spanish playwright fernando arrabal who lived in madrid under the oppression of the franco regime writes passionately of human atrocity and of hope this collection of plays embodies arrabal s theatre of panic named after the god pan the homme panique is a man who refuses to take risks who avoids danger and therefore heroism who avoids the irreparable act but who ironically is caught up in a world of chance that forces him to make choices the collection includes guernica an earthy verbal re creation of picasso s famous painting in which an old

basque couple is caught in the air raids and they put handcuffs on the flowers a violent protest against the franco regime the ingenious and poetic the architect and the emperor of assyria and garden of delights which explores the lesbian tendencies of strong adolescent attachments and the sadomasochistic experience of adult love includes guernica and they put handcuffs on the flowers the architect and the emperor of assyria garden of delights j m synge was one of the key dramatists in the flourishing world of irish literature at the turn of the century this volume offers all of synge's plays which range from racy comedy to stark tragedy all sharing a memorable lyricism the introduction sets synge's work in the context of the irish literary movement with special attention to his role as one of the founders of the abbey theatre and his work alongside w b yeats and lady gregory includes riders to the sea the shadow of the glen the tinker's wedding the well of the saints the play of the western world deirdre of the sorrows loneliness sexual tension and the need for human kindness pervade these three plays by tennessee williams as their characters rage against personal demons and the modern world in sweet bird of youth a drifter chance wayne returns to his home town with an ageing movie actress in search of the girl he loved in his youth but with terrible violent results period of adjustment tells the story of two young newlyweds who visit the husband's old army friend on christmas eve after unsuccessfully consummating their marriage and unleash forbidden passion while in the night of the iguana a diverse group of people including a disturbed ex minister and a troubled spinster are thrown together in an isolated mexican hotel for one eventful night this brand new edition features the plays that established sharon pollock as a major canadian playwright and gained her many accolades among them the first ever governor general's award for drama for blood relations in 1981 her characters are the oppressed from the spinster lizzie borden in the title play blood relations to the prisoners of one tiger to a hill to leah chosen daughter mistress of rum runner mr big in whiskey six cadenza chris anyokwu's new creative offerings are snapshots of a the quotidian reality in the playwrights homeland nigeria where polygamy and its associated evils crass materialism and its classless followers still predominate even the ivory towers are not left out as petty rivalry dirty politics and even fetishism seem to be the name of the game this collection contains nine most important works written and performed between 1973 and 1989 three of the plays won first positions in national drama competitions the cell the family question and the headmaster and the rascals subsequently the family question was performed in detroit and published in chicago by bedford publishers the cell has been reviewed in various journals and books father kalo commissioned by the ministry of health and john hopkins school of medicine was a campaign play against the spread of hiv and aids themes that preoccupy the author include alienation for returnees from the diaspora in europe and the usa power and its corrupting influences ethnicity and with its offshoots of overdependence and nepotism and intricate relationship encompassing hiv aids love and marriage they are multilayered plays variously classified as tragic comedies allegories satires characterised by high sense of humour the latest works from one of our country's most inventive playwrights this historic book may have numerous typos and missing text purchasers can usually download a free scanned copy of the original book without typos from the publisher not indexed not illustrated 1914 edition excerpt been having much luck lately and we've all got to stand for our share of doing without things i may have to do without a lot he turns his face away to hide his emotion from charlie a sob shakes his shoulders charlie notices it and goes over clumsily and pats his father on the back charlie gee pop what's the matter i can get along without a suit all right i wouldn't have asked you if i thought you was so blue knapp never mind me boy i'm just not feeling well that's all something i must have eaten or a touch of fever he glances at the clock it's getting pretty late charlie and you've got to be up early in the morning better go to bed your mother and i have a lot to talk about yet things which wouldn't interest you charlie all right pop good night i'll see you in the morning before i go knapp good night and remember i'm trying to do the best i know how charlie disappears behind the green curtain knapp stares at the table his head between his hands his face full of suffering mrs knapp comes back into the room the baby is safely asleep again mrs knapp you sent charlie to bed didn't you he nods that's right he stays up altogether too late nights he's always prowling ground the streets i don't know what will become of him i'm sure dolly told me tonight she saw him buyin' soda for that red headed harris girl with the quarter you gave him what do you think of that and he says he saw her talkin' in the lark hallway downstairs with some german bartender's boy what do you think of that knapp mildly where's the hurt they're only kids and they've got to have some fun mrs these four plays prove the village voice's acclaim that tom donaghy has mastered the chekhovian tactic of having people say everything except what's on their mind from the story of a young man trying to find order in a world in which he's had an affair with another man days after his wife left him and their infant daughter to the emotional undercurrents of quiet hard working families faced with the reality that the lives they had envisioned for themselves are vastly different than the ones they are living the beginning of august and other plays showcases donaghy's exceptional ability to bring to the surface the emotional undercurrents of everyday people tom donaghy has that marvelous ability to be acutely funny and moving at the same time tom donaghy's plays reveal a truth not only about good writing but why good playwriting reveals a complexity impossible in any other form these are masterful works wendy wasserstein author of the heidi chronicles donaghy is a genius with fragmentation with details so small that it comes as a shock to discover how sufficient they really are like the wiry pins piercing a grenade's shell his scenes have similar and far more dangerous energy the boston globe tom donaghy's plays are tender and lyrical he has an acute eye and a sharp ear he explores the everyday lives of ordinary americans and makes them glow his work is often moving and always beautiful andre bishop artistic

director lincoln center theater the cherry orchard was written by chekhov as a comedy but directed by stanislavski as a tragedy on its premier the play has maintained the dual nature of these intentions ever since an aristocratic family return to their estate on the eve of auction though alternatives present themselves the family is apathetic and their property is sold the play addresses the vast changes to the russian social casts at the time and the general cultural futility experienced by the aristocracy and bourgeoisie in their shifting roles beautifully conceived confidently executed not just her finest to date but also the best new play to open off broadway this fall the new york times a witty melancholy comedy about a group of friends pushing against middle age this is a major new work for melissa james gibson best known for her boundary challenging linguistically delectable pieces this volume also includes downtown cult favorites sic and suitcase and brooklyn bridge a play for young audiences melissa james gibson s plays include sic winner of the obie award for playwriting and the kesselring prize suitcase or those that resemble flies from a distance brooklyn bridge given fish and current nobody you would be taxed to find a show with a sweeter temper new york times with a foreword by the author before becoming a playwright i was a novelist and one who was often impatient with the requisite description of weather or scenery or even with the business of moving people from room to room i was more interested in the sound of people talking to each other reacting to each other or leaving silences for others to fall into carol shields from one of canada s most beloved authors comes a collection of four works written for the stage including her most popular and highly acclaimed play thirteen hands the theatrical form allows carol shields strength as a master of dialogue to shine at its brightest as she returns to themes she explores in her prose love family friendship and the hidden meanings and larger truths found beneath the surface of the minutiae of daily life thirteen hands and other plays is an exhilarating introduction to shields considerable achievements as a playwright departures and arrivals 1990 dramatizes how lives are heightened and enlarged when taken within the frame of public spaces airports train stations public streets so that we all become in a sense actors thirteen hands 1993 a musical valorizes a consistently overlooked group in our society the blue rinse set also known as the white glove brigade or the bridge club biddies and has had the strongest professional run of all shields plays fashion power guilt and the charity of families 1995 written with her daughter catherine shields interrogates the ambivalence felt towards families the drive we all share to find or create some kind of family and the equally strong desire to escape the family s fury anniversary 1998 written with dave williamson is a domestic drama of discontented middle class suburbanites one couple in the play are married and pretending to be close to separation another couple who are separated are pretending to be married the additional irony is that the separated couple are still emotionally together while the married couple have already emotionally separated pearl cleage is a passionate challenging playwright whose concerns for the species are unmistakable and profound as a woman as an african american her artistic objectivity and sensitivity to history combine with but do not overshadow her capacity to dig for truth and present it flat out as she sees it with a finger snap or a shout and sometimes with a wink among the most satisfying roles i ve undertaken on stage is surely miss leah in flyin west she brings the bushel nuggets of drama and humor that capture the ear the heart and the imagination she s devilish too academy award nominee ruby dee ms cleage writes with amazing grace and killer instinct alvin klein new york times pearl cleage is a brilliant storyteller i am always engrossed in the drama and compassion she brings to her characters flyin west bourbon at the border blues for an alabama sky late bus to mecca and chain are marvelous examples of a playwright at the top of her form bravely moving into the new century woodie king jr producing director new federal theatre pearl cleage s body of work for the stage provides us with a remarkable and penetrating look at the african american experience over the last 100 years this volume collects her major full length plays and one acts including flyin west blues for an alabama sky bourbon at the border chain and late bus to mecca pearl cleage is an atlanta based writer whose recent plays have premiered at the alliance theatre company with subsequent productions throughout the country her first novel what looks like crazy on an ordinary day was a recent oprah s book club selection and a national bestseller she is a former columnist of the atlanta tribune and a contributor to essence magazine eric bogosian is one of our most singular and exhilarating commentators on american life his award winning solo performance works have been performed with acclaim all over the world as the new york times has pointed out bogosian is a born storyteller with perfect pitch that is never more evident than in his newest book which collects his three most recent plays in humpty dumpty five friends gather for a holiday at a mountain getaway where unforeseen events bring them to the brink of the end of the world griller set in a new jersey backyard where a barbecue gathering turns sinister and deadly and red angel bogosian s riff on von sternberg s the blue angel reset on a college campus in 1990s new england i want theater to wake me up not lull me to sleep my theater is not about fantasy it s not about seduction my theater is not an outline for a film it is not a tv sitcom onstage i want my theater to be an event i want it to push limits bite the hand that feeds it and bang heads it s about my fears my ideas my blind spots my isolation eric bogosian one of america s premier performers and most innovative and provocative artists eric bogosian s plays and solo work include suburbia lincoln center theater 1994 adapted to film by director richard linklater 1996 sex drugs rock roll pounding nails in the floor with my forehead griller humpty dumpty 1 1 skunkweed wake up and smell the coffee drinking in america notes from underground and talk radio pulitzer prize finalist new york shakespeare festival 1987 broadway 2007 adapted to film by director oliver stone 1988 he has starred in a wide variety of film tv and stage roles most recently he created the character of captain danny ross on the long running series law order

criminal intent in 2014 tcg published 100 monologues a collection that commemorates thirty years of bogosian s solo performance career janusz glowacki s highly theatrical and often hilarious works concern the immigrant experience of the eastern european in america the struggles of the individual in a repressive state and the manipulations of political and social power the girls reform school of cinders the lower east side tenement of hunting cockroaches and the norwegian court littered with bodies in fortinbras gets drunk serve as backdrops for glowacki s tragicomic explorations of the play within the play of contemporary existence excerpt from the star child and other plays these little plays have all been acted by children mainly for the joy of pageantry but in part to assist in the building of a children s settlement a house of happiness where also they have been performed the acting time of each play is about forty five minutes eight rehearsals to a play is the average the simpler the setting in general the better indoor scenes a plain brown burlap has been found the best for a peasant setting for kingly scenes have a handsome curtain at the back a dais and a throne for out of door scenes hang a deep blue curtain against this if desired place real palm box or bay trees or have the conventional shapes cut out of wood and painted a noah s ark green although only the first play where love is there god is also mentions christmas and three of the others arc easter plays the life beyond a spark neglected burns the house and king robert of sicily nevertheless each play strives to carry the message of on earth peace good will toward men about the publisher forgotten books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books find more at forgottenbooks com this book is a reproduction of an important historical work forgotten books uses state of the art technology to digitally reconstruct the work preserving the original format whilst repairing imperfections present in the aged copy in rare cases an imperfection in the original such as a blemish or missing page may be replicated in our edition we do however repair the vast majority of imperfections successfully any imperfections that remain are intentionally left to preserve the state of such historical works

Camille and Other Plays 1957

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Medea and Other Plays 2008-11-13

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Marisol and Other Plays 1997-04-01

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The Persians and Other Plays 2009-11-26

a new edition featuring blue window and stranger

Kuyanuka and other Plays 2009-10-19

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Reckless and Other Plays 2014-10-01

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The Cooking Pan and Other Plays 1979

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Fifth Planet and Other Plays 2002

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The Widowing of Mrs. Holroyd and Other Plays 2001

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The Complete Aeschylus : Volume II: Persians and Other Plays 2009-02-17

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The School for Scandal and Other Plays 1998-05-07

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no they barbecue and run the lives of selected people still on earth a group of obnoxious barbecue people get involved with the family of kenny orange lips jung and this leads to riotous conflict echo and the camouflage is set in modern chicago and is loosely based on the greek myth of echo narcissus and queen hera a young blind girl echo seltsam is suddenly cured and transformed by a miracle into the blue lady a person of unlimited power what she does with it and how it effects her narcissistic camouflage wearing father jerry and others provides the comic structure of the play the short play karen the fuse lady describes a bizarre summer romance in a cheap chicago tenement as a young renter becomes involved with his neurotic neighbor he battles to save his electricity and sanity from a woman who has other ideas about how he should live his life hat p 1 or a big crunch after scientists predict the universe will soon end in a big crunch a group gathers in an affluent chicago suburb for a black tie party to comfort one another it doesn't work out that way the guests soon discover a lot about one another not much of it good and engage in various forms of escapism primarily focused on unrealistic thoughts about going to hat p 1 a newly discovered gigantic planet so light and fluffy it would float on water

The Revealing Moment and Other Plays 1932-01-01

a collection of three enchanting plays adapted from popular fairy tales and suitable for family audiences tin soldier adapted from the steadfast tin soldier by hans christian andersen a tasty tale hansel and gretel hood in the wood little red riding hood acclaimed playwright noel greig has recreated these well known tales for the stage with wit and imagination all three plays have been performed throughout the uk by tangere arts winning a time out critics choice award teachers youth theatres and amateur groups working with young performers will use this collection time and again for productions drama classes and workshops whether for one performer or many suitable for children aged 7 the simple form and language of the plays belie their theatrical and psychological sophistication tin soldier a powerful poetic drama an epic fable for our times independent a tasty tale hansel and gretel delicious moments fashioned into a rhyming feast time out hood in the wood little red riding hood a first rate piece of storytelling that will make children squeal with terrified delight and parents shiver with recognition guardian

The Importance of Being Earnest and Other Plays 2008-04-17

a level 1 oxford bookworms library graded reader this version includes an audio book listen to the story as you read retold for learners of english by clare west how do you get a licence if you want to keep a monkey what can you do if your wife has a lover how can you see into the future where can you go for an exciting but cheap holiday somewhere hot and far away how can you persuade your girlfriend or boyfriend to marry you the characters in these six original short plays are looking for answers to these questions while trying to solve their problems people get into some very funny situations each play gives an amusing view of life today and there is often an unexpected ending

Orange Lips and the Barbecue People, and Other Plays 2009-06-01

set in st louis during the depression of the 1930s this work is a personal account of the author's family and its gradual disintegration as it succumbed to external and internal pressures

Tin Soldier and Other Plays for Children 2017-02-09

the celebrated spanish playwright fernando arrabal who lived in madrid under the oppression of the franco regime writes passionately of human atrocity and of hope this collection of plays embodies arrabal's theatre of panic named after the god pan the homme panique is a man who refuses to take risks who avoids danger and therefore heroism who avoids the irreparable act but who ironically is caught up in a world of chance that forces him to make choices the collection includes guernica an earthy verbal re-creation of picasso's famous painting in which an old basque couple is caught in the air raids and they put handcuffs on the flowers a violent protest against the franco regime the ingenious and poetic the architect and the emperor of assyria and garden of delights which explores the lesbian tendencies of strong adolescent attachments and the sadomasochistic experience of adult love includes guernica and they put handcuffs on the flowers the architect and the emperor of assyria garden of delights

The Butler Did It and Other Plays - With Audio Level 1 Oxford Bookworms Library 2015-03-05

j m synge was one of the key dramatists in the flourishing world of irish literature at the turn of the century this volume offers all of synge's plays which range from racy comedy to stark tragedy all sharing a memorable lyricism the introduction sets synge's work in the context of the irish literary movement with special attention to his role as one of the founders of the abbey theatre and his work alongside w b yeats and lady

gregory includes riders to the sea the shadow of the glen the tinker s wedding the well of the saints the play of the western world deirdre of the sorrows

A Streetcar Named Desire and Other Plays 2000

loneliness sexual tension and the need for human kindness pervade these three plays by tennessee williams as their characters rage against personal demons and the modern world in sweet bird of youth a drifter chance wayne returns to his home town with an ageing movie actress in search of the girl he loved in his youth but with terrible violent results period of adjustment tells the story of two young newlyweds who visit the husband s old army friend on christmas eve after unsuccessfully consummating their marriage and unleash forbidden passion while in the night of the iguana a diverse group of people including a disturbed ex minister and a troubled spinster are thrown together in an isolated mexican hotel for one eventful night

Guernica and Other Plays 1994-02-24

this brand new edition features the plays that established sharon pollock as a major canadian playwright and gained her many accolades among them the first ever governor general s award for drama for blood relations in 1981 her characters are the oppressed from the spinster lizzie borden in the title play blood relations to the prisoners of one tiger to a hill to leah chosen daughter mistress of rum runner mr big in whiskey six cadenza

The Playboy of the Western World and Other Plays 2008-11-13

chris anyokwu s new creative offerings are snapshots of a the quotidian reality in the playwrights homeland nigeria where polygamy and its associated evils crass materialism and its classless followers still predominate even the ivory towers are not left out as petty rivalry dirty politics and even fetishism seem to be the name of the game

Sweet Bird of Youth and Other Plays 2014-04-24

this collection contains nine most important works written and performed between 1973 and 1989 three of the plays won first positions in national drama competitions the cell the family question and the headmaster and the rascals subsequently the family question was performed in detroit and published in chicago by bedford publishers the cell has been reviewed in various journals and books father kalo commissioned by the ministry of health and john hopkins school of medicine was a campaign play against the spread of hiv and aids themes that preoccupy the author include alienation for returnees from the diaspora in europe and the usa power and its corrupting influences ethnicity and with its offshoots of overdependence and nepotism and intricate relationship encompassing hiv aids love and marriage they are multilayered plays variously classified as tragic comedies allegories satires characterised by high sense of humour

Blood Relations and Other Plays 2002

the latest works from one of our country s most inventive playwrights

Blood Lines and other Plays 2015-03-18

this historic book may have numerous typos and missing text purchasers can usually download a free scanned copy of the original book without typos from the publisher not indexed not illustrated 1914 edition excerpt been having much luck lately and we ve all got to stand for our share of doing without things i may have to do without a lot he turns his face away to hide his emotion from charlie a sob shakes his shoulders charlie notices it and goes over clumsily and pats his father on the back charlie gee pop what s the matter i can get along without a suit all right i wouldn t have asked you if i thought you was so blue knapp never mind me boy i m just not feeling well that s all something i must have eaten or a touch of fever he glances at the clock it s getting pretty late charlie and you ve got to be up early in the morning better go to bed your mother and i have a lot to talk about yet things which wouldn t interest you charlie all right pop good night i ll see you in the morning before i go knapp good night and remember i m trying to do the best i know how charlie disappears behind the green curtain knapp stares at the table his head between his hands his face full of suffering mrs knapp comes back into the room the baby is safely asleep again mrs knapp you sent charlie to bed didn t you he nods that s right he stays up altogether too late nights he s always prowlin ground the streets i don t know what will become of him i m sure dolly told me tonight she saw him buyin soda for that red headed harris girl with the quarter you gave him what do you think of that and he says he saw her talkin in the lark hallway downstairs with some german bartender s boy what do you think of that knapp mildly where s the hurt they re only kids and they ve got to have some fun mrs

The Family Question and Other Plays 2014

these four plays prove the village voice's acclaim that Tom Donaghy has mastered the Chekhovian tactic of having people say everything except what's on their mind from the story of a young man trying to find order in a world in which he's had an affair with another man days after his wife left him and their infant daughter to the emotional undercurrents of quiet hard working families faced with the reality that the lives they had envisioned for themselves are vastly different than the ones they are living the beginning of August and other plays showcases Donaghy's exceptional ability to bring to the surface the emotional undercurrents of everyday people Tom Donaghy has that marvelous ability to be acutely funny and moving at the same time Tom Donaghy's plays reveal a truth not only about good writing but why good playwriting reveals a complexity impossible in any other form these are masterful works Wendy Wasserstein author of the Heidi Chronicles Donaghy is a genius with fragmentation with details so small that it comes as a shock to discover how sufficient they really are like the wiry pins piercing a grenade's shell his scenes have similar and far more dangerous energy the Boston Globe Tom Donaghy's plays are tender and lyrical he has an acute eye and a sharp ear he explores the everyday lives of ordinary Americans and makes them glow his work is often moving and always beautiful Andre Bishop artistic director Lincoln Center Theater

Boleros for the Disenchanted and Other Plays 2012-08-21

the Cherry Orchard was written by Chekhov as a comedy but directed by Stanislavski as a tragedy on its premier the play has maintained the dual nature of these intentions ever since an aristocratic family return to their estate on the eve of auction though alternatives present themselves the family is apathetic and their property is sold the play addresses the vast changes to the Russian social casts at the time and the general cultural futility experienced by the aristocracy and bourgeoisie in their shifting roles

A Slight Ache and Other Plays 1966

beautifully conceived confidently executed not just her finest to date but also the best new play to open off Broadway this fall the New York Times a witty melancholy comedy about a group of friends pushing against middle age this is a major new work for Melissa James Gibson best known for her boundary challenging linguistically delectable pieces this volume also includes Downtown Cult Favorites Sic and Suitcase and Brooklyn Bridge a play for young audiences Melissa James Gibson's plays include Sic winner of the Obie Award for Playwriting and the Kesselring Prize Suitcase or Those That Resemble Flies from a Distance Brooklyn Bridge Given Fish and Current Nobody

Thirst; and Other One Act Plays 2013-09

you would be taxed to find a show with a sweeter temper New York Times

The Misanthrope and Other Plays 1961

with a foreword by the author before becoming a playwright I was a novelist and one who was often impatient with the requisite description of weather or scenery or even with the business of moving people from room to room I was more interested in the sound of people talking to each other reacting to each other or leaving silences for others to fall into Carol Shields from one of Canada's most beloved authors comes a collection of four works written for the stage including her most popular and highly acclaimed play Thirteen Hands the theatrical form allows Carol Shields strength as a master of dialogue to shine at its brightest as she returns to themes she explores in her prose love family friendship and the hidden meanings and larger truths found beneath the surface of the minutiae of daily life Thirteen Hands and other plays is an exhilarating introduction to Shields considerable achievements as a playwright Departures and Arrivals 1990 dramatizes how lives are heightened and enlarged when taken within the frame of public spaces airports train stations public streets so that we all become in a sense actors Thirteen Hands 1993 a musical valorizes a consistently overlooked group in our society the Blue Rinse Set also known as the White Glove Brigade or the Bridge Club Biddies and has had the strongest professional run of all Shields plays Fashion Power Guilt and the Charity of Families 1995 written with her daughter Catherine Shields interrogates the ambivalence felt towards families the drive we all share to find or create some kind of family and the equally strong desire to escape the family's fury Anniversary 1998 written with Dave Williamson is a domestic drama of discontented middle class suburbanites one couple in the play are married and pretending to be close to separation another couple who are separated are pretending to be married the additional irony is that the separated couple are still emotionally together while the married couple have already emotionally separated

The Beginning of August and Other Plays 2000

Pearl Cleage is a passionate challenging playwright whose concerns for the species are unmistakable and profound as a woman as an African American her artistic objectivity

and sensitivity to history combine with but do not overshadow her capacity to dig for truth and present it flat out as she sees it with a finger snap or a shout and sometimes with a wink among the most satisfying roles i ve undertaken on stage is surely miss leah in flyin west she brings the bushel nuggets of drama and humor that capture the ear the heart and the imagination she s devilish too academy award nominee ruby dee ms cleage writes with amazing grace and killer instinct alvin klein new york times pearl cleage is a brilliant storyteller i am always engrossed in the drama and compassion she brings to her characters flyin west bourbon at the border blues for an alabama sky late bus to mecca and chain are marvelous examples of a playwright at the top of her form bravely moving into the new century woodie king jr producing director new federal theatre pearl cleage s body of work for the stage provides us with a remarkable and penetrating look at the african american experience over the last 100 years this volume collects her major full length plays and one acts including flyin west blues for an alabama sky bourbon at the border chain and late bus to mecca pearl cleage is an atlanta based writer whose recent plays have premiered at the alliance theatre company with subsequent productions throughout the country her first novel what looks like crazy on an ordinary day was a recent oprah s book club selection and a national bestseller she is a former columnist of the atlanta tribune and a contributor to essence magazine

Undesignated and Other Plays 1973

eric bogosian is one of our most singular and exhilarating commentators on american life his award winning solo performance works have been performed with acclaim all over the world as the new york times has pointed out bogosian is a born storyteller with perfect pitch that is never more evident than in his newest book which collects his three most recent plays in humpty dumpty five friends gather for a holiday at a mountain getaway where unforeseen events bring them to the brink of the end of the world griller set in a new jersey backyard where a barbecue gathering turns sinister and deadly and red angel bogosian s riff on von sternberg s the blue angel reset on a college campus in 1990s new england i want theater to wake me up not lull me to sleep my theater is not about fantasy it s not about seduction my theater is not an outline for a film it is not a tv sitcom onstage i want my theater to be an event i want it to push limits bite the hand that feeds it and bang heads it s about my fears my ideas my blind spots my isolation eric bogosian one of america s premier performers and most innovative and provocative artists eric bogosian s plays and solo work include suburbia lincoln center theater 1994 adapted to film by director richard linklater 1996 sex drugs rock roll pounding nails in the floor with my forehead griller humpty dumpty 1 1 skunkweed wake up and smell the coffee drinking in america notes from underground and talk radio pulitzer prize finalist new york shakespeare festival 1987 broadway 2007 adapted to film by director oliver stone 1988 he has starred in a wide variety of film tv and stage roles most recently he created the character of captain danny ross on the long running series law order criminal intent in 2014 tcg published 100 monologues a collection that commemorates thirty years of bogosian s solo performance career

The Cherry Orchard, and Other Plays 2009-01-01

janusz glowacki s highly theatrical and often hilarious works concern the immigrant experience of the eastern european in america the struggles of the individual in a repressive state and the manipulations of political and social power the girls reform school of cinders the lower east side tenement of hunting cockroaches and the norwegian court littered with bodies in fortinbras gets drunk serve as backdrops for glowacki s tragicomic explorations of the play within the play of contemporary existence

This and Other Plays 2013-07-08

excerpt from the star child and other plays these little plays have all been acted by children mainly for the joy of pageantry but in part to assist in the building of a children s settlement a house of happiness where also they have been performed the acting time of each play is about forty five minutes eight rehearsals to a play is the average the simpler the setting in general the better indoor scenes a plain brown burlap has been found the best for a peasant setting for kingly scenes have a handsome curtain at the back a dais and a throne for out of door scenes hang a deep blue curtain against this if desired place real palm box or bay trees or have the conventional shapes cut out of wood and painted a noah s ark green although only the first play where love is there god is also mentions christmas and three of the others arc easter plays the life beyond a spark neglected burns the house and king robert of sicily nevertheless each play strives to carry the message of on earth peace good will toward men about the publisher forgotten books publishes hundreds of thousands of rare and classic books find more at forgottenbooks.com this book is a reproduction of an important historical work forgotten books uses state of the art technology to digitally reconstruct the work preserving the original format whilst repairing imperfections present in the aged copy in rare cases an imperfection in the original such as a blemish or missing page may be replicated in our edition we do however repair the vast majority of imperfections successfully any imperfections that remain are intentionally left to preserve the state of such historical works

Letters from Cuba and Other Plays 2007

Neptune's Isle and Other Plays for Children 1916

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The Miser and Other Plays 2011-07-12

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