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what is remarkable about alan ayckbourn s comedy is that it contrives to be simultaneously hilarious and harrowing literally it is agonisingly funny
daily telegraph in three plays ayckbourn s perfectly
pitched dialogue slices into the soul of suburbia the settings are simple a kitchen a bedroom a party but the relationships between the husbands and wives are more complicated
fraught relationships
are exposed with humour bathos and a sharp understanding of human nature

a student edition of five one act plays by britain s most popular playwright

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tracing the history of tragedy and comedy from their earliest beginnings to the present this book offers readers an exceptional study of the development of both genres grounded in analysis of landmark plays and their context it argues that sacrifice is central to both genres and demonstrates how it provides a key to understanding the grand sweep of western drama for students of literature and drama the volume serves as an accessible companion to over two millennia of drama organised by period and reveals how sacrifice represents a through line running from classical drama to today's reality tv and blockbuster movies across the chapters devoted to each period day explores how the meanings of sacrifice change over time but never quite disappear he charts the influences of religion social change and politics on the status and purposes of theatre in each period and on the drama itself but it is through a close study of key plays that he reveals the continuities centred around sacrifice that persist and which illuminate aspects of human psychology and social organisation among the many plays and events considered are aeschylus trilogy the oresteia aristophanes women at the thesmophoria menander's the bad tempered man the spectacles of the roman games seneca's the trojan women plautus's the rope the cycle plays and everyman from the middle ages shakespeare's king lear and a midsummer night's dream middleton's the revenger's tragedy jonson's every man in his humour thomas otway's the orphan william wycherley's the country wife wilde's a woman of no importance beckett waiting for godot tennessee williams's a streetcar named desire suzan lori parks's topdog underdog sarah kane's blasted and charlotte jones humble boy a conclusion examines the persistence of ideas of sacrifice in today's reality tv and blockbuster movies

yes one could humanly be tempted almost to say that in a kind of innocence it does not even know that it is despair soren kierkegaard you told yourself you were making progress toward the point from which you could accomplish something of significance but rather than arriving at that place you find sitting on the couch there with the house cleaned the cabinets full and even dinner cooking on the stove surrounded by the whiteness of empty time engulfed in the whiteness of empty time that you have arrived at a cul de sac that is the point from which nothing of significance can be accomplished what's more this cul de sac is the point from which no path leads to any other place from which one could accomplish anything of significance and you can bet the blame attached to

never accomplishing anything of significance that is of wasting your life is several orders of magnitude more intense than that of merely failing to complete even every single one of your household duties

smart beautiful and very rich kezia saint martin leads two lives one as a glamorous socialite jetting between the poshest places in europe and america the other under a false name as a dedicated journalist committed to justice and her profession but the two worlds are pulling her apart leaving her conflicted about her identity and the lies she tells to every man she meets then she meets lucas johns a bold dynamic crusader for social change and an ex con their attraction is immediate but their love may be just one step from tragedy at any time

winner of the str theatre book prize 2014 the national theatre story is filled with artistic financial and political battles onstage triumphs and the occasional disaster this definitive account takes readers from the national theatre s 19th century origins through false dawns in the early 1900s and on to its hard fought inauguration in 1963 at the old vic laurence olivier was for ten years the inspirational director of the nt company before peter hall took over and in 1976 led the move into the national s concrete home on the south bank altogether the nt has staged more than 800 productions premiering some of the 20th and 21st centuries most popular and controversial plays including amadeus the romans in britain closer the history boys war horse and one man two guvnors certain to be essential reading for theatre lovers and students the national theatre story is packed with photographs and draws on daniel rosenthal s unprecedented access to the national theatre s own archives unpublished correspondence and more than 100 new interviews with directors playwrights and actors including olivier s successors as director peter hall richard eyre trevor nunn and nicholas hytner and other great figures from the last 50 years of british and american drama among them edward albee alan bennett judi dench michael gambon david hare tony kushner ian mckellen diana rigg maggie smith peter shaffer stephen sondheim and tom stoppard

in laughter in the dark a comprehensive study of the plays of alan ayckbourn britain s most prolific contemporary dramatist albert c kalson demonstrates that a recurring character is a development of the persona of the author himself the protagonist with a divided personality in ayckbourn s first play the square cat a reluctant rock star who longs for a conventional life splits into opposing characters in his later works in the recent the revenger s comedies a man sharing his author s offstage diffidence finds himself in the control of a flamboyant woman who is as ayckbourn himself has been both performer and director as she manipulates her way to the top of a multinational corporation mirroring the britain of the thatcher years once considered a mere farceur ayckbourn has won critical respect as his plays reflect the breakdown of self family and community the moving portrait of a woman on the brink of insanity in just between ourselves is a development of the square cat s dissatisfied housewife who reemerges as the giddily bewildered wife of a philandering husband in the delightfully frothy relatively speaking madness is more fully more darkly etched in woman in mind and leads to the more disturbing madness of the world at large in the revenger s comedies even to that of the universe itself in wildest dreams ayckbourn has explored the encroachment of evil within the social and political contexts of way upstream a small family business and man of the moment and his nightmare vision of the future in henceforward seems uncomfortably close to the

contemporary automated world in which man is replaced by machine kalson explores what he calls the ayckbourn a effect like bertolt brecht s verfremdungseffekt ayckbourn s method insists on an audience s awareness of the actor at once as character and performer but unlike brecht s didactic works aimed at rousing an audience to action ayckbourn uses his a effect to heighten an audience s exhilaration laughter he knows does not preclude the engagement of the mind brecht distances his audiences by suggesting unperformed alternate possibilities ayckbourn engages his audience by providing those alternates in how the other half loves the overlapping of time and place provides a telling commentary on britain s class structure the technique leads ayckbourn to expand the limits of theatrical presentation even further with alternate scenes in sisterly feelings even alternate plays in the norman conquests climaxing with intimate exchanges an extraordinary work for two performers that moves in sixteen directions stemming from a woman s seemingly trivial decision whether to have or not to have a cigarette the role in our lives of chance and or choice is a recurring concern for a playwright who never loses sight of his primary function to entertain his audience remarkably as ayckbourn s plays darken that audience continues to roar with laughter but after the laughter comes a contemplation of a less than perfect world book jacket title summary field provided by blackwell north america inc all rights reserved

this book focuses exclusively on the exciting and provocative plays produced in england in the last two decades the primary aim of the collection is to celebrate the truly remarkable range of british drama since 1970 by examining the work of fourteen important and representative playwrights this emphasis on range applies not only to the dramatists chosen for inclusion but to the critics as well specifically to the diversity of critical methodology demonstrated in their essays

reunion depicts the awkward tender meeting between a father and daughter drawn together by their loneliness after twenty years of separation in the short vignette dark pony a father tells a favorite bedtime story to comfort his young daughter as they drive home late at night

now in paperback the hugely acclaimed authorised biography of britain s most popular playwright alan ayckbourn is britain s most popular playwright and its most private he has won numerous awards for his plays and has worked with some of theatre s most celebrated names yet he spends most of his time away from the limelight in a yorkshire seaside town not writing at all but running a small repertory theatre this is a portrait of a man who from relatively speaking in 1965 to his double play house and garden at the national theatre in 2000 has chronicled human behaviour our aspirations and insecurities while shaping the theatrical experience of millions mr allen s book makes me want to start reading the entire ayckbourn canon over again splendid stuff hugh leonard sunday independent paul allen has come up with a wise well informed book that not only persuades us of ayckbourn s genius but also helps to explain this complex driven man michael billington country life lucid meticulously researched this impressively detailed account benefits from paul allen s rich inside knowledge of theatre terry eagleton times literary supplement thorough and enjoyable christopher hirst independent

a practical accessible and thorough guide to identifying and using rhetorical devices in drama using examples from both classical and contemporary plays an unprecedented reference and handbook for

actors directors playwrights and teachers written by practitioners for practitioners little has been written about how dramatists draw on rhetorical devices and how a study of these can unlock a text for a performer or director or indeed inspire contemporary playwrights this book addresses in detail yet in straightforward terms the many different rhetorical forms used in drama and enables the reader to identify and analyse them dramatic adventures in rhetoric may be read cover to cover or it may be dipped into it is both an analytic tool and a reference aid for use in the classroom or rehearsal room revealing how careful study of language is one of the best ways of accessing the richness of texts both classical and contemporary

wow what a book a roller coaster ride of emotions goodreads reviewer two childhoods destroyed one story they will never tell until now beth ran away from her family when she was a teenager she left behind a terrible evil that took her innocence she also left behind her sister sara when beth returns home she is shocked to discover her terrible secret is not just hers alone she shares it with sara under the shadow of a remote headland the sisters make an oath they promise never to break eva's birth is a mystery that remains unsolved years later with her marriage in ruins and her future uncertain she realizes that to move forward with her life she must first understand her past but while eva is drawing closer to the truth about her roots beth and sara's lives are falling apart crushed under the weight of the secret they carry they must confront the past and face the darkness once more but this time their story will be heard from the bestselling author of the betrayal stolen child and fragile lies comes a breathtakingly tense and emotional story of the fierce bond between sisters and a family destroyed by a disturbing secret breathtakingly emotional i really felt for beth sara and eva and feel privileged to have read the book donna's book blog an absorbing compelling family saga very well written captivating and at times very emotive once i started it i couldn't stop relax and read book reviews a hard hitting story there is a sense of justice and resolution for the love of books a good tale around a dark subject books from the comfort of my sofa note previously published as when the bough breaks this is a new extended version read what everyone is saying about laura elliot my emotions were in overdrive absolutely gripping one of my best reads of the year so far literary lightbox entertaining and highly thought provoking closer magazine this page turner is gripping all the more because it presents the dilemmas of betrayal with brutal honesty irish independent the betrayal certainly makes for a tense read that had me at times literally on the edge of my seat by the letter book reviews this well crafted and compelling story traces the deceits which begin unnoticed but end in the destruction of friendships and lives the irish times a gripping multi stranded novel an unusual combination of fine writing strong plotting and a huge cast of well formed characters irish examiner a page turner has all the ingredients of a bestseller rte the story is beautifully descriptive one of those truly unforgettable stories which you just want to tell everyone to read for themselves jaffa reads too i was astounded at how the book ended not many books make me say wow at the end but this one has me repeating it it is an ending that you won't see coming in a million years the betrayal is utterly compelling and gripping it will get into your head and you will become immersed in the story from the very first page kelly's book corner laura elliot builds up the tension and sense of intrigue right from the first few pages i just couldn't put it down once i started portobello book blog a gripping tale of adultery and illusion evening herald dealing with passion adultery deception and tragedy and how the past has a way of creeping up on you a really intriguing page turner with a surprising twist evening echo

crimelord is the gripping life story of elusive multimillionaire gangster tam mcgraw a notorious criminal kingpin mcgraw has risen from extreme poverty in the east end of glasgow to become one of

scotland's wealthiest men when hash started to flood into scotland from the late 1980s onwards suspicion centred on mcgraw leader of the infamous barlanark team after a two year surveillance operation police discovered the drug had been hidden in buses carrying young footballers and deprived glasgow families on free holidays abroad it was a scam reminiscent of the movie the italian job only this time scots kids had been sitting on hash worth over 40 million police claimed mcgraw was the financier and mastermind but in 1998 a jury declared him innocent while other suspects were jailed as mcgraw refuses to discuss his life publicly his remarkable tale is told through friends fellow crooks and the occasional rival it is an outrageous often hilarious true gangster story

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