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BRILLIANT PROLIFIC UNIQUELY AMERICAN PULITZER PRIZEWINNING PLAYWRIGHT SAM SEPARD IS A MAJOR VOICE IN CONTEMPORARY THEATRE AND HERE ARE SEVEN OF HIS VERY BEST ONE OF THE MOST ORIGINAL PROLIFIC AND GIFTED DRAMATISTS AT WORK TODAY THE NEW YORKER THE GREATEST AMERICAN PLAYWRIGHT OF HIS GENERATION THE MOST INVENTIVE IN LANGUAGE AND REVOLUTIONARY IN CRAFT HE IS THE WRITER WHOSE WORK MOST ACCURATELY MAPS THE INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR LANDSCAPES OF HIS SOCIETY NEW YORK MAGAZINE IF PLAYS WERE PUT IN TIME CAPSULES FUTURE GENERATIONS WOULD GET A SHARP TOOTHED PROFILE OF LIFE IN THE U S IN THE PAST DECADE AND A HALF FROM THE WORKS OF SAM SHEPARD TIME SAM SHEPARD IS THE MOST EXCITING PRESENCE IN THE MOVIE WORLD AND ONE OF THE MOST GIFTED WRITERS EVER TO WORK ON THE AMERICAN STAGE MARSHA NORMAN PULITZER PRIZEWINNING AUTHOR OF NIGHT MOTHER ONE OF OUR BEST AND MOST CHALLENGING PLAYWRIGHTS HIS PLAYS ARE A FORM OF EXORCISM MAGICAL SOMETIMES SURREAL RITUALS THAT GRAPPLE WITH THE DEMONIC FORCES IN THE AMERICAN LANDSCAPE NEWSWEEK HIS PLAYS ARE STUNNING IN THIER ORIGINALITY DEFIANT AND INSCRUTABLE ESQUIRE SAM SHEPARD IS PHENOMENAL THE BEST PRACTICING AMERICAN PLAYWRIGHT THE NEW REPUBLIC

TONGUES AN INTERIOR MONOLOGUE WHERE DAYDREAM AND NIGHTMARE COALESCE AS ONE MAN RECALLS HIS LIFE COMMUNICATED AS FROM ANALYSIS AND TO ANALYST

THIS BOOK EXPLORES THE DEVELOPMENT OF CONTEMPORARY THEATRE IN THE UNITED STATES IN ITS HISTORICAL POLITICAL AND THEORETICAL DIMENSIONS IT FOCUSES ON REPRESENTATIVE PLAYS AND PERFORMANCE TEXTS THAT EXPERIMENT WITH FORM AND CONTENT DISCUSSING INFLUENTIAL PLAYWRIGHTS AND PERFORMANCE ARTISTS SUCH AS TENNESSEE WILLIAMS ADRIENNE KENNEDY SAM SHEPARD TONY KUSHNER CHARLES LUDLUM ANNA DEAVERE SMITH KAREN FINLEY AND WILL POWER ALONGSIDE AVANT GARDE THEATRE GROUPS SADDIK TRACES THE DEVELOPMENT OF CONTEMPORARY DRAMA SINCE 1945 AND DISCUSSES THE CROSS CULTURAL IMPACT OF POSTWAR BRITISH AND EUROPEAN INNOVATIONS ON AMERICAN THEATRE FROM THE 1950s TO THE PRESENT DAY IN ORDER TO EXAMINE THE PERFORMANCE OF AMERICAN IDENTITY SHE ARGUES THAT CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN THEATRE IS PRIMARILY A POSTMODERN DRAMA OF INCLUSION AND DIVERSITY THAT DESTABILIZES THE NOTION OF FIXED IDENTITY AND QUESTIONS THE NATURE OF REALITY

THIS BOOK UNCOVERS HOW VIOLENCE STEMS FROM OUR DESIRES IT EXPLORES WHY WE COMPETE ENVY AND SOMETIMES ESCALATE CONFLICTS INTO WAR FROM WANTING MATERIAL THINGS SUCH AS CARS OR PRESTIGIOUS JOBS TO SEEKING POWER OR INFLUENCE DESIRE CAN OFTEN LEAD TO VIOLENCE THE BOOK SHOWS HOW THIS PLAYS OUT IN MAJOR HISTORICAL EVENTS SUCH AS 9 1 AND THE TWO WORLD WARS DRAWING FROM LITERATURE POP CULTURE PSYCHOLOGY MYTHOLOGY AND RELIGION IT EXPLAINS HOW DESIRE IS ALWAYS MIMETIC OR IMITATIVE WE DESIRE WHAT ANOTHER PERSON WANTS WHILE MIMETIC DESIRE CAN BE A CONSTRUCTIVE MECHANISM IT IS ALSO CAPABLE OF CREATING VIOLENT MECHANISMS SUCH AS THE SCAPEGOAT MECHANISM WHICH WE HAVE SEEN THROUGHOUT HISTORY IN LOOKING AT JESUS CHRIST S PASSION AND RESURRECTION WE SEE HOW HE UNCOVERED THE SCAPEGOAT MECHANISM AND ALONG WITH HIS TEACHINGS OFFERED A VIABLE PATH TO PEACE AND AN END TO VIOLENCE

FEW AMERICAN PLAYWRIGHTS HAVE EXERTED AS MUCH INFLUENCE ON THE CONTEMPORARY STAGE AS SAM SHEPARD HIS PLAYS ARE PERFORMED ON AND OFF BROADWAY AND IN ALL THE MAJOR REGIONAL AMERICAN THEATRES THEY ARE ALSO WIDELY PERFORMED AND STUDIED IN EUROPE PARTICULARLY IN BRITAIN GERMANY AND FRANCE FINDING BOTH A POPULAR AND SCHOLARLY AUDIENCE IN THIS COLLECTION OF SEVENTEEN ORIGINAL ESSAYS AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN AUTHORS FROM DIFFERENT PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC BACKGROUNDS EXPLORE THE VARIOUS ASPECTS OF SHEPARD S CAREER HIS PLAYS POETRY MUSIC FICTION ACTING DIRECTING AND FILM WORK THE VOLUME COVERS THE MAJOR PLAYS INCLUDING CURSE OF THE STARVING CLASS BURIED CHILD AND TRUE WEST AS WELL AS OTHER LESSER KNOWN BUT VITALLY IMPORTANT WORKS A THOROUGH CHRONOLOGY OF SHEPARD S LIFE AND CAREER TOGETHER WITH BIOGRAPHICAL CHAPTERS A NOTE FROM THE LEGENDARY JOSEPH CHAIKIN AND AN INTERVIEW WITH THE PLAYWRIGHT GIVE A FASCINATING FIRST HAND ACCOUNT OF AN EXUBERANT AND EXPERIMENTAL PERSONALITY

THE MEN IN PLAYS SUCH AS ARTHUR MILLER S DEATH OF A SALESMAN OR SAM SHEPHARD S TRUE WEST ARE OFTEN PRESENTED AS UNIVERSAL LITTLE ATTENTION IS GIVEN TO THE GENDER DYNAMICS INVOLVED IN THE CHARACTERS THIS WORK LOOKS AT HOW CONTEMPORARY PLAYWRIGHTS INCLUDING MILLER SHEPARD EUGENE O NEILL DAVID MAMET AND AUGUST WILSON STAGE MASCULINITY IN THEIR WORKS IT BECOMES APPARENT THAT MALE PLAYWRIGHTS RETURN OFTEN TO THE ISSUES OF TROUBLED MANHOOD USUALLY MASKED IN OTHER ISSUES SUCH AS WAR BUSINESS OR FAMILY THE PLAYS INDICATE BOTH THE ATTRACTIVENESS OF THE MODEL OF TRADITIONAL MASCULINITY AND THE ILLUSIVE NATURE OF THIS IMAGE WHICH ALL TOO OFTEN FRACTURES AND FAILS THE CHARACTERS WHO PURSUE IT O NEILL S PLAY THE HAIRY APE

AND THE CHARACTER YANK RECEIVE MUCH ATTENTION

FOCUSING ON KEY TEXTS LEADING SCHOLARS EXPLORE HOW HOLLYWOOD HAS GIVEN AN ENDURING LIFE TO THE CLASSICS OF BROADWAY THEATER

THIS STUDY EXAMINES THE HISTORICAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TRAGICOMEDY IN THE MODERNIST THEATRE AND THE PERFORMATIVE CULTURE OF WESTERN CONSUMER SOCIETIES WHILE DISCUSSING A WIDE RANGE OF PLAYWRIGHTS IT FOCUSSES SPECIFICALLY ON THE WORK OF SAMUEL BECKETT HAROLD PINTER AND SAM SHEPARD THEIR PLAYS IT IS ARGUED ILLUMINATE THE FORMS OF PLEASURE FEAR PERFORMANCE AND CORRUPTION WHICH DOMINATE OUR DAILY LIVES TRAGICOMEDY IS SEEN AS UNIQUE BECUAE OF THE EXISTENTIAL PLAYFULNESS AND CONFUSION OF ITS PROTAGONISTS AND BECAUSE OF ITS MUTED VISION OF APOCALYPSE IN THE NUCLEAR AGE

NEW YORK TIMES EDITORS CHOICE A REVELATORY BIOGRAPHY OF THE WORLD FAMOUS PLAYWRIGHT AND ACTOR SAM SHEPARD WHOSE WORK WAS MATCHED BY HIS EQUALLY DRAMATIC LIFE INCLUDING COLLABORATIONS WITH THE ROLLING STONES AND BOB DYLAN AS WELL AS TUMULTUOUS RELATIONSHIPS WITH PATTI SMITH JONI MITCHELL AND JESSICA LANGE WHAT TRUE WEST ACHIEVES IN ITS FINEST PAGES IS PLACING THE ARTIST IN HIS TIME I WAS FILLED WITH EXCITEMENT ENVY AND REVERENCE FOR THE NEW YORK CITY THAT EMBRACED THE YOUNG SHEPARD IN THE 1960s AND EARLY 70s ETHAN HAWKE THE WASHINGTON POST TRUE WEST SAM SHEPARD S LIFE WORK AND TIMES IS THE STORY OF AN AMERICAN ICON A LASTING PORTRAIT OF SAM SHEPARD AS HE REALLY WAS REVEALED BY THOSE WHO KNEW HIM BEST THIS SWEEPING BIOGRAPHY CHARTS SHEPARD S LONG AND COMPLICATED JOURNEY FROM A SMALL TOWN IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TO BECOME AN INTERNATIONALLY KNOWN PLAYWRIGHT AND MOVIE STAR THE ONLY SON OF AN ALCOHOLIC FATHER SHEPARD CRAFTED A PUBLIC PERSONA AS AN AUTHENTIC AMERICAN ARCHETYPE THE LONER THE COWBOY THE DRIFTER THE STRANGER IN A STRANGE LAND DESPITE HIS GREAT CRITICAL AND FINANCIAL SUCCESS HE SEEMED LIKE SO MANY OF HIS CHARACTERS TO REMAIN PERPETUALLY DISPOSSESSED MUCH LIKE ROBERT GREENFIELD S BIOGRAPHIES OF JERRY GARCIA AND TIMOTHY LEARY THIS BOOK DELVES DEEPLY INTO SHEPARD S LIFE AS WELL AS THE WAYS IN WHICH HIS WORK ILLUMINATES IT TRUE WEST TAKES READERS THROUGH THE WORLD OF DOWNTOWN THEATER IN LOWER MANHATTAN IN THE EARLY SIXTIES THE JAZZ SCENE AT NEW YORK S VILLAGE GATE FRINGE THEATER IN LONDON IN THE SEVENTIES BOB DYLAN S LEGENDARY ROLLING THUNDER TOUR THE MAKING OF CLASSIC FILMS LIKE ZABRISKIE POINT DAYS OF HEAVEN AND THE RIGHT SULF AND BROADWAY PRODUCTIONS OF BURIED CHILD TRUE WEST AND FOOL FOR LOVE FOR THIS DEFINITIVE BIOGRAPHY GREENFIELD INTERVIEWED DOZENS OF PEOPLE WHO KNEW SHEPARD WELL MANY OF WHOM HAD NEVER BEFORE SPOKEN ON THE RECORD ABOUT HIM WHILE EXPLORING HIS RELATIONSHIPS WITH PATTI SMITH BOB DYLAN JONI MITCHELL AND JESSICA LANGE ACROSS THE LONG ARC OF HIS BRILLIANT CAREER GREENFIELD MAKES THE CASE FO

EXAMINES HOW THE INTERTWINING PATHS OF AVANT GARDE THEATER AND MAINSTREAM DRAMA WORK TO PRODUCE PROVOCATIVE NEW FORMS

REREADING SHEPARD DRAWS TOGETHER 13 ORIGINAL THEORETICAL PERSPECTIVES ON ONE OF AMERICA S MOST IMPORTANT CONTEMPORARY PLAYWRIGHTS REPRESENTING A RANGE OF CRITICAL APPRAOCHES INCLUDING SEMIOTICS DECONSTRUCTION AND FEMINISM THE ESSAYS ADDRESS RECENT DEBATES EMERGING IN SHEPARD CRITICISM THESE INCLUDE THE STATUS OF SHEPARD S TEXTS WITHIN THE MODERNIST TRADITION ON THE ONE HAND AND A DEVELOPING POST MODERNISM ON THE OTHER AND THE FEMINIST DEBATE OVER SHEPARD S DRAMA DOES IT REINFORCE A MASCULINIST WORLD OR DOES IT PROVIDE SOME OPPOSITIONAL STANCE TOWARD PATRIARCHAL MASTER

NARRATIVES

EXPLORING THE THEATRE FROM THE 1960s TO THE PRESENT ROBERT J ANDREACH SHOWS THE VARIOUS WAYS IN WHICH THE CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN THEATRE CREATES A PERSONAL THEATRICAL AND NATIONAL SELF ANDREACH ARGUES THAT THE CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN THEATRE CREATES MULTIPLE SELVES THAT REFLECT AND GIVE VOICE TO THE MANY COMMUNITIES WITHIN OUR MULTICULTURAL SOCIETY THESE SELVES ARE FRAGMENTED AND ENCLAVED HOWEVER WHICH MAKES NECESSARY A COUNTER MOVEMENT THAT SEEKS THROUGH INTERACTION AMONG THE VARIOUS PARTS TO HEAL THE DIVISIONS WITHIN BETWEEN AND AMONG THEM BOOK JACKET

UNRIVALLED IN ITS COVERAGE OF RECENT WORK AND WRITERS THE METHUEN DRAMA GUIDE TO CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN PLAYWRIGHTS SURVEYS AND ANALYSES THE BREADTH VITALITY AND DEVELOPMENT OF THEATRICAL WORK TO EMERGE FROM AMERICA OVER THE LAST FIFTY YEARS THIS AUTHORITATIVE GUIDE LEADS YOU THROUGH THE WORK OF 25 MAJOR CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN PLAYWRIGHTS DISCUSSING MORE THAN 140 PLAYS IN DETAIL WRITTEN BY A TEAM OF 25 EMINENT INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARS EACH CHAPTER PROVIDES A BIOGRAPHICAL INTRODUCTION TO THE PLAYWRIGHT S WORK A SURVEY AND CONCISE ANALYSIS OF THE WRITER S MOST IMPORTANT PLAYS A DISCUSSION OF THEIR STYLE DRAMATURGICAL CONCERNS AND CRITICAL RECEPTION A BIBLIOGRAPHY OF PUBLISHED PLAYS AND A SELECT LIST OF CRITICAL WORKS AMONG THE MANY TONY OBIE AND PULITZER PRIZE WINNING PLAYWRIGHTS INCLUDED ARE SAM SHEPARD TONY KUSHNER SUZAN LORI PARKS AUGUST WILSON PAULA VOGEL AND NEIL LABUTE THE ABUNDANCE OF WORK ANALYSED ENABLES FRESH ILLUMINATING CONCLUSIONS TO BE DRAWN ABOUT THE DEVELOPMENT OF CONTEMPORARY AMERICAN PLAYWRITING

THIS STUDY FOCUSES ON RESPONSE TO COMEDY THE AUTHOR MAINTAINS WE RESPOND RATHER MINDLESSLY TO COMIC EFFECT COMEDY ITSELF IN THE PHILOSOPHICAL SENSE IS SEEN AS PLAY THE PLAY IMPULSE IS MANIFEST IN NUMEROUS FORMS FROM THEATER TO PAINTING THE NOVEL TO SCULPTING POETRY TO CARTOONING AND EACH MEDIUM HAS ITS OWN SEMIOTIC LANGUAGE

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INNES HAS PRODUCED A BRILLIANT SENSITIVE ARTICULATE STATEMENT IT DESERVES SERIOUS STUDY BY ALL THOSE WHOSE PRACTICE AND COMMITMENT IS TOWARD AN UNDERSTANDING AND EXPRESSION OF THIS CENTURY S THEATRE CHOICE

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