

Shiva's story begins to receive phone calls threatening her life. *A Moment of Silence*, by Mohammad Yaghoubi-one of the most beloved Iranian plays of the last 30 years-is a surreal, poetic, and surprisingly comic meditation on Iran's turbulent history.

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"These new essays explore the ways in which contemporary dramatists have retold or otherwise made use of myths, fairy tales and legends from a variety of cultures. The book contributes to the current discussion of adaptation theory by examining the different ways, and for what purposes, plays revise mythic stories and characters"--Provided by publisher.

A History of Modern Drama: Volume II explores a remarkable breadth of topics and analytical approaches to the dramatic works, authors, and transitional events and movements that shaped world drama from 1960 through to the dawn of the new millennium. Features detailed analyses of plays and playwrights, examining the influence of a wide range of writers, from mainstream icons such as Harold Pinter and Edward Albee, to more unorthodox works by Peter Weiss and Sarah Kane Provides global coverage of both English and non-English dramas – including works from Africa and Asia to the Middle East Considers the influence of art, music, literature, architecture, society, politics, culture, and philosophy on the formation of postmodern dramatic literature Combines wide-ranging topics with original theories, international perspective, and philosophical and cultural context Completes a comprehensive two-part work examining modern world drama, and alongside *A History of Modern Drama: Volume I*, offers readers complete coverage of a full century in the evolution of global dramatic literature.

After months pass without a culprit in her daughter's murder case, Mildred Hayes pays for three signs challenging the authority of William Willoughby, the town's revered chief of police. When his second-in-command, Officer Dixon, a mother's boy with a penchant for violence, gets involved, the battle between Mildred and Ebbing's law enforcement threatens to engulf the town. *Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri* is a darkly comedic drama from Martin McDonagh. The film won Best Motion Picture - Drama and Best Screenplay at the Golden Globes 2018, and Best Film and Best Original Screenplay at 2018 BAFTAs.

Author's abstract: While Martin McDonagh's plays have engendered laughter, disgust, and fear, he might be best known as part of a long line of Irish playwrights who faced controversy due to their art. Much like Synge, Shaw, and O'Casey, McDonagh has faced criticism and even outrage due to the violence and misunderstood portrayals of the Irish in his plays. Though the violence in plays like *The Pillowman* and *The Lieutenant of Inishmore* has been labeled gratuitous, we might better understand the purpose of that violence by examining them in light of Michel Foucault's concepts of knowledge and power. Foucault's approaches best highlight one of McDonagh's most important themes: the establishment of a power dynamic between characters. Foucault's analysis of the development and interaction of power structures in society, *Discipline and Punish: The Birth of the Prison*, clarifies the violence of McDonagh's plays, and might add depth and greater meaning to his use of extreme violence.

A thorough and insightful study of the work of twenty-five important Irish playwrights.

The PillowmanDramatists Play Service Inc

You might be asking 'Where IS Bruges?' Well; it is in Belgium, and the filming of the city is absolutely breathtaking. If you enjoyed nothing else about this film, you would still really appreciate the beautiful views of the ancient buildings and canals. It follows two hitmen, Ray (Colin Farrell) and Ken (Brendan Gleeson) who are forced to hideout in Bruges after Ray accidentally kills a child during a hit. Whilst they are meant to be keeping a low profile and waiting for their boss (Ralph Fiennes) to call, Ray's tempestuous nature and a crew of bizarre misfit characters make this an impossible task. Farrell and Gleeson are comically opposed characters, offering much in the way of snappy, funny dialogue, which is only complimented by the appearance of Fiennes as their no nonsense, foul mouthed boss. The direction makes much use of the spectacular backdrop that Bruges provides, and Farrell in particular delivers an entertaining performance along with the rest of the cast.

This book interrogates the various manifestations of rival systems of justice in the plays and films of Martin McDonagh, in analysis informed by the critical writings of Michael J. Sandel, Steven Pinker, Julia Kristeva, and in particular Amartya Sen on violence, justice, equality and the law. In McDonagh's works, failures to investigate adequately criminal actions are matched by multiple forced confessions and umpteen miscarriages of justice. The author explores McDonagh's creative worlds as ones where distinctions between victim and perpetrator and guilt and innocence are precarious, where the burden of truth seldom reaches the threshold of beyond reasonable doubt and where the punishments and rewards of justice are applied randomly. This project considers the abject nature of justice in McDonagh's writing, with the vast implications of justice being fragile, suspect, piecemeal, deviant, haphazard and random. Tentative forms of justice are tempered and then threatened by provocative, anarchic and abject humour. As the author argues,

McDonagh's writing cleverly circulates rival, incompatible and comparative systems of justice in order to substantiate the necessities and virtues of justice.

Once a country of emigration and diaspora, in the 1990s Ireland began to attract immigration from other parts of the world: a new citizenry. By the first decade of the twenty-first century, the ratio between GDP and population placed Ireland among the wealthiest nations in the world. The Peace Agreements of the mid-1990s and the advent of power-sharing in Northern Ireland have enabled Ireland's story to change still further. No longer locked into troubles from the past, the Celtic Tiger can now leap in new directions. These shifts in culture have given Irish literature the opportunity to look afresh at its own past and, thereby, new perspectives have also opened for Irish Studies. The contributors to this volume explore these new openings; the essays examine writings from both now and the past in the new frames afforded by new times.

Winner 1996 Evening Standard Award for Most Promising Playwright; Winner 1996 George Devine Award for Most Promising Playwright For one week each autumn, Mick Dowd is hired to disinter the bones in certain sections of his local cemetery, to make way for new arrivals. As the time approaches for him to dig up those of his own late wife, strange rumours regarding his involvement in her sudden death seven years ago gradually begin to resurface.

Playing for time explores connections between theatre time, the historical moment and fictional time. Geraldine Cousin persuasively argues that a crucial characteristic of contemporary British theatre is its preoccupation with instability and danger, and traces images of catastrophe and loss in a wide range of recent plays and productions. The diversity of the texts that are examined is a major strength of the book. In addition to plays by contemporary dramatists, Cousin analyses staged adaptations of novels, and productions of plays by Euripides, Strindberg and Priestley. A key focus is Stephen Daldry's award-winning revival of Priestley's *An Inspector Calls*, which is discussed in relation both to other Priestley 'time' plays and to Caryl Churchill's apocalyptic *Far Away*. Lost children are a recurring motif: Bryony Lavery's *Frozen*, for example, is explored in the context of the Soham murders (which took place while the play was in production at the National Theatre), whilst three virtually simultaneous productions of Euripides' *Hecuba* are interpreted with regard to the Beslan massacre of schoolchildren.

The Lonesome West was first presented as a Druid Theatre company and Royal Court co-production in the summer of 1997. 'The play combines manic energy and physical violence in a way that is both hilarious and viscerally exciting' Daily Telegraph Valene and Coleman, two brothers living alone in their father's house after his recent death, find it impossible to exist without massive and violent disputes over the most mundane and innocent of topics. Only father Welsh, the local young priest, is prepared to try to reconcile the two before their petty squabbings spiral into vicious and bloody carnage.

"Mr McDonagh is destined to be one of the theatrical luminaries of the 21st century" (The New Republic) In 1934, the people of Inishmaan learn that the Hollywood director Robert Flaherty is coming to the neighbouring island to film his documentary *Man of Aran*. No one is more excited than Cripple Billy, an unloved boy whose chief occupation has been gazing at cows and yearning for a girl who wants no part of him. For Billy is determined to cross the sea and audition for the Yank. And as news of his audacity ripples through his rumour-starved community, *The Cripple of Inishmaan* becomes a merciless portrayal of a world so comically cramped and mean-spirited that hope is an affront to its order. With this bleak yet uproariously funny play, Martin McDonagh fulfills the promise of his award-winning *The Beauty Queen of Leenane* while confirming his place in a tradition that extends from Synge to O'Casey and Brendan Behan.

As a playwright, screenwriter, and film director, Martin McDonagh has amassed an exceptional body of work since the premiere of the controversial, hugely successful, and career altering *The Beauty Queen of Leenane* in 1996. This renowned work was followed by acclaimed and award winning plays and films, such as *The Lieutenant of Inishmore*, *The Pillowman*, *Six Shooter*, *In Bruges*, and *Seven Psychopaths*. This wide ranging study considers the broad spectrum of influences on McDonagh's writing, his intricate dramaturgy, and complex relationships between the plays and their theatrical and broader social contexts. The book cogently, uniquely, and comprehensively articulates the elusive spirit and transgressive theatricality of one of the most notorious, unique, successful, and inspiring talents writing today.

This book represents the first collection of original critical material on Martin McDonagh, one of the most celebrated young playwrights of the last decade. Credited with reinvigorating contemporary Irish drama, his dark, despairing comedies have been performed extensively both on Broadway and in the West End, culminating in an Olivier Award for *The Pillowman* and an Academy Award for his short film *Six Shooter*. In *Martin McDonagh*, Richard Rankin Russell brings together a variety of theoretical perspectives – from globalization to the gothic – to survey McDonagh's plays in unprecedented critical depth. Specially commissioned essays cover topics such as identity politics, the shadow of violence and the role of Catholicism in the work of this most precocious of contemporary dramatists. Contributors: Marion Castleberry, Brian Cliff, Joan Fitzpatrick Dean, Maria Doyle, Laura Eldred, José Laners, Patrick Lonergan, Stephanie Pocock, Richard Rankin Russell, Karen Vandavelde

This book is about the Wildean aesthetic in contemporary Irish drama. Through elucidating a discernible Wildean strand in the plays of Brian Friel, Tom Murphy, Thomas Kilroy, Marina Carr and Frank McGuinness, it demonstrates that Oscar Wilde's importance to Ireland's theatrical canon is equal to that of W. B. Yeats, J. M. Synge and Samuel Beckett. The study examines key areas of the Wildean aesthetic: his aestheticizing of experience via language and self-conscious performance; the notion of the dandy in Wildean texts and how such a figure is engaged with in today's dramas; and how his contribution to the concept of a 'verbal theatre' has influenced his dramatic successors. It is of particular pertinence to academics and postgraduate students in the fields of Irish drama and Irish literature, and for those interested in the work of Oscar Wilde, Brian Friel, Tom Murphy, Thomas Kilroy, Marina Carr and Frank McGuinness. okokpoj

Seminar paper from the year 2010 in the subject English Language and Literature Studies - Literature, grade: 2,7, University of Tübingen, course: Irish Drama, language: English, abstract: The purpose of this paper is to analyze various comedic elements and their function in the drama "Cripple of Inishmaan". First, there will be a closer look on the author Martin McDonagh, who is known for his individual style and also for other comedies, like "Behanding in Spokane" of "The Pillowman". Later, it will be focused on the play itself; what is the plot, which role play setting and characters. It will be also discussed, how the "Cripple of Inishmaan" fulfills the aspects of an Irish national drama. But the main question to analyze is, if the play can be considered as a dark comedy. For this purpose, the term "comedy" will be defined and it will be analyzed how the terminology of Frye and the three theories of humour can be applied to the the play "Cripple of Inishmaan". It is to show that the drama fulfills the elements of a comedy. In the main part there will be a closer look on the drama itself; especially on the funny characters and their behaviour.

This book aims to explore which plays were deemed 'suitable' to be reworked for foreign or local stages; what transformations – linguistic, semiotic, theatrical – were undertaken so as to accommodate international audiences; how national literary traditions are forged, altered, and diluted by means of transnational adapting techniques; and, finally, to what extent the categorical boundaries between original plays and adaptations may be blurred on the account of such adjusting textual strategies. It brings together ten articles that scrutinise the linguistic, social, political and theatrical complexities inherent in the intercultural transference of plays. The approaches presented by the different contributors investigate modern British theatre as an instance of diachronic and synchronic transnational adaptations based upon a myriad of influences originating in, and projected upon, other national dramatic traditions. These traditions, rooted in relatively distant geographies and epochs, are traced so as to illustrate the split between the state-imposed identity and personal, subjective identity caused by cultural negotiations of the self in an age of globalism. International frontiers are thus pointed at in order to claim the need to be transcended in the process of cultural re-appropriation associated with theatre performance for international audiences.

A delicious two-hander by Michael Puzzo about strangers stranded in a hunting cabin. How they came to be there is hilariously doled out by Mr. Puzzo along with thoughts about identity, the Internet and the liar in us all...as rewarding a trip off the beate Heartrending and unexpectedly funny. --NY Times. Distinguished by Baron's uncommonly excellent writing...there's no denying Baron's talent. --Star-Ledger. [Ms. Baron has a] gift for dialogue that is tightly interlocked, smartly punctuated with on-target

This ground-breaking volume is the first of its kind to examine the extraordinary prevalence and appeal of the Gothic in contemporary British theatre and performance. Chapters range from considerations of the Gothic in musical theatre and literary adaptation, to explorations of the Gothic's power to haunt contemporary playwriting, macabre tourism and site-specific performance. By taking familiar Gothic motifs, such as the Gothic body, the monster and Gothic theatricality, and bringing them to a new contemporary stage, this collection provides a fresh and comprehensive take on a popular genre. Whilst the focus of the collection falls upon Gothic drama, the contents of the book will embrace an interdisciplinary appeal to scholars and students in the fields of theatre studies, literature studies, tourism studies, adaptation studies, cultural studies, and history.

MAKING THE STAGE is a collection of essays that examines the role of theatre, drama, and performance in contemporary culture, a culture that is growing increasingly technological and isolated--seemingly at odds with the very nature of theatre, a collaborative and sometimes very primitive art form. Through the course of these essays, it is clear that theatre not only survives some of the challenges of the day but even defines discussions, particularly political ones which are prohibited by an increasingly manipulated media. The essays, from a diverse group of theatre scholars, examine the mechanics of theatre, from space to sound to the use of technology, the role of women in creating theatre, the relationship between theatre and literary art forms, the politics of theatre, science and theatre, and the role of performance art. Through them all, it is clear that theatre, drama, and performance continue to speak in significant ways.

I'm just as good as bloody Pierrepont. In his small pub in Oldham, Harry is something of a local celebrity. But what's the second-best hangman in England to do on the day they've abolished hanging? Amongst the cub reporters and sycophantic pub regulars, dying to hear Harry's reaction to the news, a peculiar stranger lurks, with a very different motive for his visit. Don't worry. I may have my quirks but I'm not an animal. Or am I? One for the courts to discuss. Martin McDonagh's Hangmen premiered at the Royal Court Theatre, London, in September 2015.

With such plays as *The Beauty Queen* (1996), *The Cripple of Inishmaan* (1997), *The Lonesome West* (1997), *A Skull in Connemara* (1997), *The Lieutenant of Inishmore* (2001), and *The Pillowman* (2003) Martin McDonagh has made a huge reputation for himself internationally, winning multiple awards for his work and enjoying universal critical acclaim. Most recently, he won an Oscar for his short film *Six Shooter* (2006). This collection of essays is a vital and significant response to the many challenges set by McDonagh for those involved in the production and reception of his work. The volume brings together critics and commentators from around the world, who assess the work from a diverse range of often provocative approaches. What is not surprising is the focus and commitment of the engagement, given the controversial and st Whether for or against, this is an essential read for all who wish to enter the complex debate about the Theatre of Martin McDonagh.

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