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1927 - Thomas S. Hischak 2019

From January 1 to December 31 of 1927, the entries in this book cover every major news event--national and international--of this pivotal year in history. Milestones of theater, radio, music, literature, film, and sports--as well as minor news items that would prove to be more important later, such as births of significant figures--are also included.

**100 Greatest American Plays** - Thomas S. Hischak 2017-03-06

100 Greatest American Plays is the 1st book on the 100 greatest American, non-musical plays. Arranged alphabetically, each entry covers each play extensively including the plot, the production history, a summary of the critical reaction, its influence and long-range effects, cast lists of notable stage and film versions, and a playwright biography.

*Theatre as Human Action* - Thomas S. Hischak 2006

Through the use of four model plays—Macbeth, Our Town, A Raisin in the Sun, and Rent—this textbook informs the student about theatre arts, stimulates interest in the art form, leads to critical thinking about theatre, and prepares the student to be a more informed and critical theatregoer. Structured into seven chapters, each looking at a major area or artist—and concluding with the audience and the students themselves—this textbook looks at both the theoretical and practical aspects of theatre arts, from the nature of theatre and drama to how it reflects society to explaining the processes that playwrights, actors, designers, directors, producers, and critics go through.

*Theatre as Human Action* - Thomas S. Hischak 2019

This book engages students--particularly those who may not be very familiar with many plays--in the theatre experience by focusing on just four plays: the tragedy Macbeth, the landmark African American drama A Raisin in the Sun, the American comedy classic You Can't Take It with You, and the contemporary hip-hop musical Hamilton.

*Philosophy and Theatre* - Tom Stern 2013-10-01

The relationship between philosophy and theatre is a central theme in the writings of Plato and Aristotle and of dramatists from Aristophanes to Stoppard. Where Plato argued that playwrights and actors should be banished from the ideal city for their suspect imitations of reality, Aristotle argued that theatre, particularly tragedy, was vital for stimulating our emotions and helping us to understanding ourselves. Despite this rich history the study of philosophy and theatre has been largely overlooked in contemporary philosophy. This is the first book to introduce philosophy and theatre. It covers key topics and debates, presenting the contributions of major figures in the history of philosophy, including: what is theatre? How does theatre compare with other arts? theatre as imitation, including Plato on mimesis truth and illusion in the theatre, including Nietzsche on tragedy theatre as history theatre and morality, including Rousseau's criticisms of theatre audience and emotion, including Aristotle on catharsis theatre and politics, including Brecht's Epic Theatre. Including annotated further reading and summaries at the end of each chapter, Philosophy and Theatre is an ideal starting point for those studying philosophy, theatre studies and related subjects in the arts and humanities.

*Elizabethan Jacobean Drama* - Blakemore G. Evans 1998-04-21

The purpose of this absorbing collection is to illuminate the world of the theatre by setting it squarely in its historical context. To that end, Professor Evans draws on the whole spectrum of Elizabethan-Jacobean writing, from official documents to diaries and letters. Part I, The Theatre and the World, deals, through contemporary writings, with the drama itself, the audiences and their responses, theatrical companies, acting and actors, and buildings and technical matters. Part II, The Worlds and the Theatre, illustrates how the problems of everyday life, complicated as they were by moral, religious, social, political, and economic issues, provided an ever-fruitful source of materials to the dramatists who practiced their craft during this extraordinarily creative period.

**The Monologue Audition** - Karen Kohlhaas 2000

"All the elements of preparing a monologue audition - script analysis,

staging, voice, timing, gesture, movement and self-presentation skills - are thoroughly explored here. The goal of the book, as Ms. Kohlhaas states in her Introduction, is not only to help you prepare for auditions, but to make working on monologues a regular and enjoyable part of your acting life. As you follow the author along the path she charts, you are not only learning to rehearse monologues effectively, you are learning to turn auditions into exciting ways to grow and challenge yourself as an actor."--BOOK JACKET.

**An Introduction to Technical Theatre** - Tal Sanders 2018-09

"An Introduction to Technical Theatre draws on the author's experience in both the theatre and the classroom over the last 30 years. Intended as a resource for both secondary and post-secondary theatre courses, this text provides a comprehensive overview of technical theatre, including terminology and general practices. Introduction to Technical Theatre's accessible format is ideal for students at all levels, including those studying technical theatre as an elective part of their education. The text's modular format is also intended to assist teachers approach the subject at their own pace and structure, a necessity for those who may regularly rearrange their syllabi around productions and space scheduling" -- From publisher website.

Human Body Theater - Maris Wicks 2015-10-06

A nonfiction graphic novel that looks at the eleven systems of the human body.

**She Persisted** - Lawrence Harbison 2021-11-01

She Persisted: Thirty Ten-Minute Plays by Women over Forty is a collection of plays by members of Honor Roll!, an advocacy group of women over forty. About Honor Roll!: "Honor Roll! is an advocacy and action group of women+ playwrights over forty—and our allies—whose goal is our inclusion in theater. The term "women+" refers to a spectrum of gender identification that includes women, non-binary identifiers, and trans. We are the generation excluded at the outset of our careers because of sexism, now overlooked because of ageism. We celebrate diversity in theater, and work to call attention to the negative impact of age discrimination alongside gender, race, ethnicity, faith, socioeconomic status, disability, and sexual orientation in the American Theatre and beyond." "These women are in their forties and fifties and sixties, and they have been writing a long time, and they are at the height of their craft. These are tight, complex, nuanced pieces of writing, which no one has seen because for too long they weren't looking. These are important writers, and important plays." —Theresa Rebeck, from the introduction

**Forms of Emotion** - Peta Tait 2021-11-29

Forms of Emotion analyses how drama, theatre and contemporary performance present emotion and its human and nonhuman diversity. This book explores the emotions, emotional feelings, mood, and affect, which make up a spectrum of 'emotion', to illuminate theatrical knowledge and practice and reflect the distinctions and debates in philosophy, neuroscience, psychology, and other disciplines. This study asserts that specific forms of emotion are intentionally unified in drama, theatre, and performance to convey meaning, counteract separation and subversively champion emotional freedom. The book progressively shows that the dramatic and theatrical representation of the nonhuman reveals how human dominance is offset by emotional connection with birds, animals, and the natural environment. This book will be of great interest to students and researchers interested in the emotions and affect in dramatic literature, theatre studies, performance studies, psychology, and philosophy as well as artists working with emotionally expressive performance.

**The Book of Will** - Lauren Gunderson 2018-06-18

Without William Shakespeare, we wouldn't have literary masterpieces like Romeo and Juliet. But without Henry Condell and John Heminges, we would have lost half of Shakespeare's plays forever! After the death of their friend and mentor, the two actors are determined to compile the First Folio and preserve the words that shaped their lives. They'll just have to borrow, beg, and band together to get it done. Amidst the noise

and color of Elizabethan London, *THE BOOK OF WILL* finds an unforgettable true story of love, loss, and laughter, and sheds new light on a man you may think you know.

**Acts** - Tzachi Zamir 2014-06-03

The first philosophical study devoted solely to acting, offering a meditation on the spillover from acting to life

*Human Action, The Scholar's Edition* -

**The Social Significance of the Modern Drama** - Emma Goldman 1914

Study of several major and a few minor dramatists from Goldman's anarchist, social revolutionary viewpoint.

Dramas, Fields, and Metaphors - Victor Turner 2018-10-18

In this book, Victor Turner is concerned with various kinds of social actions and how they relate to, and come to acquire meaning through, metaphors and paradigms in their actors' minds; how in certain circumstances new forms, new metaphors, new paradigms are generated. To describe and clarify these processes, he ranges widely in history and geography: from ancient society through the medieval period to modern revolutions, and over India, Africa, Europe, China, and Meso-America. Two chapters, which illustrate religious paradigms and political action, explore in detail the confrontation between Henry II and Thomas Becket and between Hidalgo, the Mexican liberator, and his former friends. Other essays deal with long-term religious processes, such as the Christian pilgrimage in Europe and the emergence of anti-caste movements in India. Finally, he directs his attention to other social phenomena such as transitional and marginal groups, hippies, and dissident religious sects, showing that in the very process of dying they give rise to new forms of social structure or revitalized versions of the old order.

*The Theatre of Revolt* - Robert Sanford Brustein 1991

Through a study of the work of eight modern dramatists from Ibsen to Genet, the author traces the origin and development of dramatic rebellion

Off-Broadway Musicals since 1919 - Thomas S. Hischak 2011-02-18

Although the venue Off Broadway has long been the birthplace of innovative and popular musicals, there have been few studies of these influential works. Long-running champs, such as *The Fantasticks* and *Little Shop of Horrors*, are discussed in many books about American musicals, but what of the hundreds of other Off-Broadway musicals? In *Off-Broadway Musicals since 1919*, Thomas Hischak looks at more than 375 musicals, which are described, discussed, and analyzed, with particular attention given to their books, scores, performers, and creators. Presented chronologically and divided into chapters for each decade, beginning with the landmark musical *Greenwich Village Follies* (1919), the book culminates with the satiric *The Toxic Avenger* (2009). In this volume, any work of consequence is covered, especially if it was popular or influential, but also dozens of more obscure musicals are included to illustrate the depth and breadth of Off Broadway. Works that introduced an important artistic talent, from performers to songwriters, are looked at, and the selection represents the various trends and themes that made Off Broadway significant. In addition to essential data about each musical, the plot and score are described, the success (or lack of) is chronicled, and an opinionated commentary discusses the work's merits and influences on the musical theatre in general. The first book of its kind, this highly readable volume will please both the theatre scholar and the average musical theatre patron or fan.

*The Thornton Wilder Encyclopedia* - Thomas S Hischak 2022-03-15

This encyclopedia exhaustively covers Thornton Wilder, one of America's greatest writers. It features a biography of Wilder's life and career, followed by entries that cover the people who worked with him, friends and family members who were of great influence, and every novel, play, film script, and other literary work by Wilder.

**The Encyclopedia of Film Composers** - Thomas S. Hischak 2015-04-01

In addition to the handful of composers known to the general public, this book brings recognition to the many men and women who have written music for the movies over the past 100 years those who have not been given their due in previous books and other sources. This volume features more than 250 famous and little-known movie composers from around the world. In addition to providing facts about the composers (dates, biography, careers, complete list of movie credits), the entries explain what makes each composer notable and discusses their music in detail. The selected composers range from the days of silent films when music scores were performed by orchestras in movie palaces to today with synthesized and electronic music being used in film scoring."

*Theater Enough* - Jeffrey H. Richards 1991

The early settlers in America had a special relationship to the theater. Though largely without a theater of their own, they developed an ideology of theater that expressed their sense of history, as well as their version of life in the New World. *Theater Enough* provides an innovative analysis of early American culture by examining the rhetorical shaping of the experience of settlement in the new land through the metaphor of theater. The rhetoric, or discourse, of early American theater emerged out of the figures of speech that permeated the colonists' lives and literary productions. Jeffrey H. Richards examines a variety of texts—histories, diaries, letters, journals, poems, sermons, political tracts, trial transcripts, orations, and plays—and looks at the writings of such authors as John Winthrop and Mercy Otis Warren. Richards places the American usage of *theatrum mundi*—the world depicted as a stage—in the context of classical and Renaissance traditions, but shows how the trope functions in American rhetoric as a register for religious, political, and historical attitudes.

**1939** - Thomas S. Hischak 2017-06-15

This book is a day-by-day chronicle of 1939 Hollywood's greatest year. Each entry will focus on major news events—national and international—as well as minor curiosities or news items that would prove to be more important in the future. This will be followed by a full description and commentary on the Hollywood movies that were released each day.

Exploring Theatre, Student Edition - McGraw-Hill Education 2004-02-23

*Exploring Theatre* focuses on the development of the total student, which includes developing personal resources, self-confidence, the ability to work well with others, and a life-long appreciation of theater; learning to bolster self-concepts, build an ensemble, observe people and places more closely, move expressively, and become more aware of the senses; learning basic acting skills such as improvisation, characterization, role preparation, and stage movement; exploring a range of career or avocational opportunities in theater and theater education; understanding the various aspects of the production process; and studying special topics such as storytelling, clowning, oral interpretation, readers theater, and puppetry. This text is an ideal introductory theater text for both middle and high school.

**The Necessity of Theater** - Paul Woodruff 2008-04-30

What is unique and essential about theater? What separates it from other arts? Do we need "theater" in some fundamental way? The art of theater, as Paul Woodruff says in this elegant and unique book, is as necessary - and as powerful - as language itself. Defining theater broadly, including sporting events and social rituals, he treats traditional theater as only one possibility in an art that - at its most powerful - can change lives and (as some peoples believe) bring a divine presence to earth. *The Necessity of Theater* analyzes the unique power of theater by separating it into the twin arts of watching and being watched, practiced together in harmony by watchers and the watched. Whereas performers practice the art of being watched - making their actions worth watching, and paying attention to action, choice, plot, character, mimesis, and the sacredness of performance space - audiences practice the art of watching: paying close attention. A good audience is emotionally engaged as spectators; their engagement takes a form of empathy that can lead to a special kind of human wisdom. As Plato implied, theater cannot teach us transcendent truths, but it can teach us about ourselves.

Characteristically thoughtful, probing, and original, Paul Woodruff makes the case for theater as a unique form of expression connected to our most human instincts. *The Necessity of Theater* should appeal to anyone seriously interested or involved in theater or performance more broadly.

The Theater of War - Bryan Doerries 2016-08-23

For years theater director Bryan Doerries has been producing ancient Greek tragedies for a wide range of at-risk people in society. His is the personal and deeply passionate story of a life devoted to reclaiming the timeless power of an ancient artistic tradition to comfort the afflicted. Doerries leads an innovative public health project—*Theater of War*—that produces ancient dramas for current and returned soldiers, people in recovery from alcohol and substance abuse, tornado and hurricane survivors, and more. Tracing a path that links the personal to the artistic to the social and back again, Doerries shows us how suffering and healing are part of a timeless process in which dialogue and empathy are inextricably linked. The originality and generosity of Doerries's work is startling, and *The Theater of War*—wholly unsentimental, but intensely felt and emotionally engaging—is a humane, knowledgeable, and accessible book that will both inspire and enlighten.

**100 Greatest American Plays** - Thomas S. Hischak 2017-03-14

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includes not only the plot but the production history, a summary of the critical reaction, commentary of the literary aspects of the drama, its influence and long-range effects, cast lists of notable stage and film versions, and a biography of the playwright. This resource also includes a chronological listing of the plays, a listing of the included playwrights, and a listing of notable theatre awards.

**The Life of the Drama** - Eric Bentley 1991

(Applause Books). "Eric Bentley's radical new look at the grammar of theatre...is a work of exceptional virtue... The book justifies its title by being precisely about the ways in which life manifests itself in the theatre...This is a book to be read again and again." Frank Kermode, *The New York Review of Books*

**The Earth as Transformed by Human Action** - B. L. Turner 1993-01-29

*The Earth as Transformed by Human Action* is the culmination of a mammoth undertaking involving the examination of the toll our continual strides forward, technical and social, take on our world. The purpose of such a study is to document the changes in the biosphere that have taken place over the last 300 years, to contrast global patterns of change to those appearing on a regional level, and to explain the major human forces that have driven these changes. The first section deals strictly with the major human forces of the past 300 years and the second is a detailed account of the transformations of the global environment wrought by human action. The final section examines a range of perspectives and theories that purport to explain human actions with regard to the biosphere.

*Theatre: A Very Short Introduction* - Marvin Carlson 2014-10-23

From before history was recorded to the present day, theatre has been a major artistic form around the world. From puppetry to mimes and street theatre, this complex art has utilized all other art forms such as dance, literature, music, painting, sculpture, and architecture. Every aspect of human activity and human culture can be, and has been, incorporated into the creation of theatre. In this *Very Short Introduction* Marvin Carlson takes us through Ancient Greece and Rome, to Medieval Japan and Europe, to America and beyond, and looks at how the various forms of theatre have been interpreted and enjoyed. Exploring the role that theatre artists play — from the actor and director to the designer and puppet-master, as well as the audience — this is an engaging exploration of what theatre has meant, and still means, to people of all ages at all times. ABOUT THE SERIES: The *Very Short Introductions* series from Oxford University Press contains hundreds of titles in almost every subject area. These pocket-sized books are the perfect way to get ahead in a new subject quickly. Our expert authors combine facts, analysis, perspective, new ideas, and enthusiasm to make interesting and challenging topics highly readable.

**Theatre of the Book, 1480-1880** - Julie Stone Peters 2003

This volume explores the impact of printing on the European theatre in the period 1480-1880 and shows that the printing press played a major part in the birth of modern theatre.

*Theatre as Human Action* - Thomas S. Hischak 2023

An accessible introductory textbook that informs students about theatre by looking at the theoretical and practical aspects--from the nature of theatre and drama to how it reflects society--and by examining the processes of playwrights, actors, designers, directors, producers, critics, and more.

*Applied Theatre* - Philip Taylor 2003

Philip Taylor offers strategies for using theatre to raise awareness, propose alternatives, provide healing, and implement community change.

*On Symbols and Society* - Kenneth Burke 1989-07-15

Kenneth Burke's innovative use of dramatism and dialectical method have made him a powerful critical force in an extraordinary variety of disciplines—education, philosophy, history, psychology, religion, and others. While most widely acclaimed as a literary critic, Burke has elaborated a perspective toward the study of behavior and society that holds immense significance and rich insights for sociologists. This

original anthology brings together for the first time Burke's key writings on symbols and social relations to offer social scientists access to Burke's thought. In his superb introductory essay, Joseph R. Gusfield traces the development of Burke's approach to human action and its relationship to other similar sources of theory and ideas in sociology; he discusses both Burke's influence on sociologists and the limits of his perspective. Burke regards literature as a form of human behavior—and human behavior as embedded in language. His lifework represents a profound attempt to understand the implications for human behavior based on the fact that humans are "symbol-using animals." As this volume demonstrates, the work that Burke produced from the 1930s through the 1960s stands as both precursor and contemporary key to recent intellectual movements such as structuralism, symbolic anthropology, phenomenological and interpretive sociology, critical theory, and the renaissance of symbolic interaction.

**The Oxford Companion to the American Musical** - Thomas S. Hischak 2008

An authoritative reference for this highly popular genre, this book covers Broadway, Hollywood and television in one volume. With more than two thousand entries, this book offers a wealth of information on musicals, performers, composers, lyricists, producers, choreographers, and much more.

**The Philosophy of Theatre, Drama and Acting** - Tom Stern 2017-11-30

A collection of new essays on the philosophy of theatre and the philosophy of drama, combining historical perspectives and new directions.

**Divine Agency and Divine Action, Volume II** - William J. Abraham 2017

Annotation Argues that in order to understand divine action, one must begin with the array of specific actions predicated of God in the Christian tradition.

*From Ritual to Theatre* - Victor Turner 1982

Turner looks beyond his routinized discipline to an anthropology of experience . . . We must admire him for this.-*Times Literary Supplement*

**Theaters of Intention** - Luke Andrew Wilson 2000

Early modern Britain witnessed a transformation in legal reasoning about human volition and intentional action. Examining the relation between law and theater in this period, this book reads plays by Shakespeare, Jonson, Marlowe, and others to demonstrate how legal understanding of willful human action pervades 16th- and 17th-century English drama.

**Bent** - Martin Sherman 1998

(Applause Books). Martin Sherman's worldwide hit play *Bent* took London by storm in 1979 when it was first performed by the Royal Court Theatre, with Ian McKellen as Max (a character written with the actor in mind). The play itself caused an uproar. "It educated the world," Sherman explains. "People knew about how the Third Reich treated Jews and, to some extent, gypsies and political prisoners. But very little had come out about their treatment of homosexuals." Gays were arrested and interned at work camps prior to the genocide of Jews, gypsies, and handicapped, and continued to be imprisoned even after the fall of the Third Reich and liberation of the camps. The play *Bent* highlights the reason why - a largely ignored German law, Paragraph 175, making homosexuality a criminal offense, which Hitler reactivated and strengthened during his rise to power.

*Costumes for the Stage* - Sheila Jackson 2014-05-08

For anyone producing costumes on a small budget, whether for schools, colleges or amateur, semi-professional or professional groups, this basic introduction offers practical advice for every kind of play, together with drawings, diagrams and patterns from which to work. It includes sections on Greek plays, medieval miracles and mysteries, Shakespeare, 17th-century, 18th-century, Victorian and Edwardian costume. Each section covers the details of men's and women's clothes and accessories, as well as methods for adapting and simplifying the style of the period.