

Betrayal Harold Pinter

Within the postmodern context, where originality is impossible, mimicry is not seen as something inauthentic, but as inextricably part of human existence. Although all three had initially been dismissed as superficial, Harold Pinter's *Betrayal*, Tom Stoppard's *The Real Thing*, and Patrick Marber's *Closer* use the theme of marital betrayal as a trope to explore metatheatrical and epistemological issues. Authenticity has become increasingly fetishised since the advent of postmodernity, especially when considered in relation to theatre - a medium already perceived to be fake. Authenticity on the Postmodern Stage is a study of how these three plays define and explore authenticity within the fictional and actual worlds of theatre: it explores arbitrariness in the construction and mediation of the characters' identities, from their own and the audience's perspectives; the significance of the audience's role in these plays; and how issues of authenticity, fictionality, and dishonesty impact on a genre that depends on illusion. Some scholars claim that postmodernism has been supplanted by a new structure of feeling, which includes a return to authenticity within theatre. The debate on the succession of postmodernism falls outside the scope of this book - nevertheless, Krüger argues that postmodernism does not entail a rejection of authenticity but an exposé of its impossibility. Postmodernism is therefore very much concerned with authenticity, and any attempt at locating the authentic is therefore not necessarily opposed to postmodernism. Krüger's analysis offers a new interpretation of the three texts, drawing on postmodern and poststructuralist theories, particularly concerning the concept of authenticity within art and language.

Please note that the content of this book primarily consists of articles available from Wikipedia or other free sources online. Commentary (plays not included). Pages: 29. Chapters: Accident (1967 film), Betrayal (1983 film), Langrishe, Go Down (film), Remembrance of Things Past (play), Reunion (1989 film), Sleuth (2007 film), The Basement (play), The Birthday Party (film), The Caretaker, The Caretaker (film), The Comfort of Strangers (film), The French Lieutenant's Woman (film), The Go-Between (film), The Handmaid's Tale (film), The Homecoming (film), The Last Tycoon (film), The Pumpkin Eater, The Quiller Memorandum, The Remains of the Day (film), The Servant (1963 film), The Trial (1993 film), Turtle Diary. Excerpt: The Caretaker is a play in three acts by Harold Pinter. Although it was the sixth of his major works for stage and television, this psychological study of the confluence of power, allegiance, innocence, and corruption among two brothers and a tramp, became Pinter's first significant commercial success. It premiered at the Arts Theatre Club in London's West End on 27 April 1960 and transferred to the Duchess Theatre the following month, where it ran for 444 performances before departing London for Broadway. In 1964, a film version of the play based on Pinter's unpublished screenplay was directed by Clive Donner. The movie starred Alan Bates as Mick and Donald Pleasence as Davies in their original stage roles, while Robert Shaw replaced Peter Woodthorpe as Aston. First published by both Encore Publishing and Eyre Methuen in 1960, *The Caretaker* remains one of Pinter's most celebrated and oft-performed plays. A night in winter Aston has invited Davies, a homeless man, into his apartment after rescuing him from a bar fight (7-9). Davies comments on the apartment and criticizes the fact that it is cluttered and badly kept. Aston attempts to find a pair of shoes for Davies but Davies rejects all the offers. Once he turns down a pair that doesn't fit...

Betrayal underlies all psychic trauma, whether sexual abuse or profound neglect, violence or treachery, extramarital affair or embezzlement. When we betray others, we violate their confidence in us. When others betray us, they pierce the veil of our innocent reliance. Betraying and feeling betrayed are ubiquitous to the scenarios of trauma and yet surprisingly neglected as a topic of specific attention by psychoanalysis. This book fills this gap. The first part deals with developmental aspects and notes that while the experience of betrayal might be

ubiquitous in childhood, its lack of recognition by the parents is what leads to fixation upon it. Attention is also given to Oedipally-indulged and seduced children who feel betrayed later in the course of their development. Feelings of betrayal during early adolescence are also discussed. This section of the book closes with an account of situations where our bodies betray us. The realms of body image betrayal, body self betrayal, and the body's ultimate betrayal via physical death are addressed.

Two years after their affair has ended, Emma and Jerry--her husband's best friend--meet and reflect on their illicit relationship

New York magazine was born in 1968 after a run as an insert of the New York Herald Tribune and quickly made a place for itself as the trusted resource for readers across the country. With award-winning writing and photography covering everything from politics and food to theater and fashion, the magazine's consistent mission has been to reflect back to its audience the energy and excitement of the city itself, while celebrating New York as both a place and an idea.

Best known as one of the most important playwrights of the twentieth century, Harold Pinter has also written many highly regarded screenplays, including Academy Award-nominated screenplays for *The French Lieutenant's Woman* and *Betrayal*, collaborations with English director Joseph Losey, and an unproduced script for the remake of Stanley Kubrick's 1962 adaptation of *Lolita*. In this definitive study of Pinter's screenplays, Steven H. Gale compares the scripts with their sources and the resulting films, analyzes their stages of development, and shows how Pinter creates unique works of art by extracting the essence from his source and rendering it in cinematic terms. Gale introduces each film, traces the events that led to the script's writing, examines critical reaction to the film, and provides an extensive bibliography, appendices, and an index.

A Companion to one of the world's leading writers.

Harold Pinter: A Question of Timing focuses on the ways in which Pinter conceives of and dramatises time according to the particular medium with which he is working. It goes beyond Pinter's obvious fascination with false and true memory to trace the various textual and non-textual strategies he employs to distort sequence and duration in his plays. Further, it shows how Pinter undermines the temporal assumptions of naturalism and realism to form a uniquely relativistic world in which time is a central feature.

This is a collection of 4 of Harold Pinter's most well known plays.

A collection of political essays, poetry, and dramatic works by the Nobel Prize-winning playwright and author of *Betrayal*. Throughout his life, playwright, poet, and political activist Harold Pinter has consistently cast light on the hypocrisy of power and those who would defend the status quo for the sake of their own security and comfort. Awarded the Wilfred Owen Prize in 2004 for his poetry condemning US military intervention in Iraq, Mr. Pinter has succeeded in combining his artistry with his political activism. *Death etc.* brings together Pinter's most poignant and especially relevant writings in response to war. From chilling psychological portraits of those who commit atrocities in the name of a higher power, to essays on the state-sponsored terrorism of present-day regimes, to solemn hymns commemorating the faceless masses that perish unrecognized, Mr. Pinter's writings are as essential to the preservation of open debate as to our awareness of personal involvement in the fate of our global community.

Harold Pinter's work forms a cornerstone of the dramatic literature of the contemporary British stage. This book offers a critical examination of his dramatic writing over four decades, from *The Room* (1957) to *Ashes to Ashes* (1996).

This collection of seventeen critical essays commemorates 25 years of writing by Harold Pinter. The essays are original pieces by many of the leading contemporary drama scholars in American and Britain which, taken together, present a fuller picture of the dramatist's canon

and a better understanding of what he tries to do and how he tries to do it.

This book addresses three matters of fundamental importance for an understanding of Harold Pinter's work - how language functions in Pinter's plays, what the relationship is between language and subjectivity in the plays, and what the plays reveal about how language serves as a vehicle for cultural power.

Pinter's work rejects any attempt to conceptualize language in terms of reference, expression, or communication. Rather, his plays exhibit a semiotic understanding of language that demands his audience focus not only on parole, the individual speech act, but also on langue, language as structured system that both enables and constrains parole. The langue that Pinter explores is the ensemble of codes, dominant discourses and structures of representation, and fragments of ideology that give voice to cultural power, creating the speaking subject in the image of that power. For all their attempts to "own" language, Pinter's characters discover that words constitute alienable property; that language forms, de-forms, and re-forms subjectivity; that, as a system preceding the individual, language carries embedded within it the values, desires, and imperatives of the Other - the dominant cultural order. By introducing questions of subject position and ideology into his discussion, author Marc Silverstein shows how the plays exhibit a political dimension largely ignored by the bulk of Pinter criticism, which attempts to classify his oeuvre as a form of absurdist drama. It is Silverstein's contention that Pinter does not concern himself with the fate of the individual lost in an incomprehensible and meaningless universe (the "absurdist" Pinter), but instead explores the vicissitudes of living within ideological, discursive, and social structures that always exceed the subject. Through detailed readings of *The Birthday Party*, *The Collection*, *The Homecoming*, *Old Times*, *One for the Road*, and *Mountain Language*, Silverstein argues that what is at stake in these plays is the status of cultural power itself. The plays insistently raise the question, does there exist any possibility for the kind of resistance that can dismantle the network of cultural power, or is that network unassailably monolithic? While arguing that Pinter's plays appear to adopt the latter position, the author emphasizes that these plays still have valuable political lessons to teach. At a moment when much Ideologiekritik naively equates the demystification of ideology and the unveiling of contradictions with the inevitable collapse of that field, Pinter's plays compel us to consider a more viable mode of intervention within cultural formations that seem infinitely recuperable. At a moment when much political theater locates power in individuals, Pinter's emphasis on linguistic codes as vehicles for cultural power reminds us that any decisive attempt to alter the dominant relations of power must involve more than merely replacing those who currently "control" power. Throughout this book, Silverstein argues that we must regard Pinter as fundamentally a political dramatist if we are to appreciate how his plays offer an intensive exploration of how subjectivity emerges in the shadow of cultural power.

This revised third volume of Harold Pinter's work includes *The Homecoming*, *Old*

Times, No Man's Land, four shorter plays, six revue sketches and a short story. It also contains the speech given by Pinter in 1970 on being awarded the German Shakespeare Prize. The Homecoming 'Of all Harold Pinter's major plays, The Homecoming has the most powerful narrative line... You are fascinated, lured on, sucked into the vortex.' Sunday Telegraph 'The most intense expression of compressed violence to be found anywhere in Pinter's plays.' The Times Old Times 'A rare quality of high tension is evident, revealing in Old Times a beautifully controlled and expressive formality that has seldom been achieved since the plays of Racine.' Financial Times 'Harold Pinter's poetic, Proustian Old Times has the inscrutability of a mysterious picture, and the tension of a good thriller.' Independent No Man's Land 'The work of our best living playwright in its command of the language and its power to erect a coherent structure in a twilight zone of confusion and dismay.' The Times

"One of the most essential artists produced by the twentieth century. Pinter's work gets under our skin more than that of any living playwright." —New York Times Upon its premiere at the National Theatre, Betrayal was immediately recognized as a masterpiece. It won the Olivier Award for best new play, and has since been performed all around the world and made into an Academy Award-nominated film starring Jeremy Irons, Ben Kingsley, and Patricia Hodge. Betrayal begins with a meeting between adulterous lovers, Emma and Jerry, two years after their affair has ended. During the nine scenes of the play, we move back in time through the stages of their affair, ending in the house of Emma and her husband Robert, Jerry's best friend. "[Betrayal] deals with the shifting balance of power in triangular relationships, and with the pain of loss. . . . Pinter probes the corrosive nature of betrayal . . . a world where pain and loss are explored with poetic precision." —Guardian "Betrayal is an exquisite play, brilliantly simple in form and courageous in its search for a poetry that turns banality into a melancholy beauty." —Newsweek "There is hardly a line into which desire, pain, alarm, sorrow, rage or some kind of blend of feelings has not been compressed, like volatile gas in a cylinder less stable than it looks . . . The play's subject is not sex, not even adultery, but the politics of betrayal and the damage it inflicts on all involved." —Times (UK)

Published in full for the first time, a drama critic for the "New York Times" presents a series of interviews beginning in 1971 and spanning more than twenty years featuring the Nobel Prize-winning author's views on work, life, plays, and people.

This Reader's Guide synthesises the key criticism on Pinter's work over the last half century. Andrew Wyllie and Catherine Rees examine critical approaches and reactions to the major plays from MA26s and the press, along themes such as Absurdism, politics and gender identity.

Performances of Harold Pinter's "Betrayal" performed by the State Theatre Company of South Australia, directed by Geordie Brookman, assistant director: Suzannah Kennett Lister, cast: Alison Bell, Nathan O'Keefe, Mark Saturno and

John Maurice.

Three years ago, Bonnie Gabel and I started an ensemble theatre company called Night Light Collective (NLC). Our company was inspired by the work of Anne Bogart and the Dah Theatre in Belgrade, Serbia. We used many of their techniques and exercises to develop a rehearsal process that would help our ensemble connect to each other as well as contribute to the artistic direction of our productions. In the fall of 2010, I directed Harold Pinter's *Betrayal*. I used the rehearsal practices that we developed with NLC and created a few of my own. This thesis documents the evolution of various rehearsal techniques over the course of three Night Light Collective shows, and the application of those techniques to the *Betrayal* rehearsal process.

In his Nobel speech, entitled *Art, Truth and Politics*, Harold Pinter explained how he was fighting against the «tapestry of lies». It is indeed those daily lies, lies of love or of state, that are exposed in this book, which emphasises his political agenda. In March 2007, the University of Lyon (Jean Moulin) and the ENS LSH organised VIVA PINTER, a tribute to his work centred on a key notion for the city of Lyon, the Spirit of Resistance. Pinter combined a concise, fragmented and syllogistic style with a keen perception of the metaphors of our time. The most specific instrument of this great humanist lay in his representation of power games. In this volume, scholars, stage-directors and lawyers tell us how his work is highly meaningful for them. Golden Palm winners Volker Schlöndorff and Jerry Schatzberg, film and theatre director David Jones, and BBC radio producer Barbara Bray share with us the memory of how they worked with Pinter on his major plays and films.

Toneeltekst waarin een groepje mensen bij een sterfbed hun gemeenschappelijk verleden heel verschillend beleven.

An account of my preparation for and production of Harold Pinter's *Betrayal* in Levin Theater in the Fall of 2009.

The book traces the development of Pinter's female characters both as *dramatis personae* and as theatrical functionaries. It explores a new exciting aspect of Pinter's work in the domain of character portrayal, and it supplies a kaleidoscopic view of Pinter criticism to date at home and abroad.

This work collects some of the author's most famous writings, including plays, short stories, and essays.

Reissued to commemorate Pinter winning the 2005 Nobel Prize for Literature
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Chapters: The Homecoming, The Birthday Party, The Caretaker, Comedy of menace, No Man's Land, *Betrayal*, The Dumb Waiter, Ashes to Ashes, The Room, Old Times, Remembrance of Things Past, The Hothouse, Victoria Station, Tea Party, Family Voices, The Collection, Night, Mountain Language, The Basement, Moonlight, Landscape, Pinter's People, The Tragedy of King Lear, A Kind of Alaska, Applicant, Celebration, A Slight Ache, A Night Out, The Lover, Silence, Precisely. Excerpt: The Homecoming is a two-act play written in 1964 by Nobel laureate, Harold Pinter, and first published in 1965. The original Broadway production won the 1967 Tony Award for Best Play and its 40th-anniversary Broadway production at the Cort Theatre was nominated for a 2008 Tony Award for "Best Revival of a Play." Set in North London, the play has six characters: five men who are related-Max, a retired butcher, and Sam, a

chauffeur, who are brothers; and Max's three sons, Teddy, an expatriate American philosophy professor; Lenny, who appears to be a pimp; and Joey, a would-be boxer in training who works in demolition; and one woman, Ruth, Teddy's wife. The play concerns Teddy's and Ruth's "homecoming," which has distinctly different symbolic and thematic implications. Considering the play while surveying Pinter's career on the occasion of its 40-anniversary production at the Cort Theatre, in *The New Yorker*, the critic John Lahr writes: "'The Homecoming' changed my life. Before the play, I thought words were just vessels of meaning; after it, I saw them as weapons of defense. Before, I thought theatre was about the spoken; after, I understood the eloquence of the unspoken. The position of a chair, the length of a pause, the choice of a gesture, I realized, could convey volumes" ("Demolition Man"). MAX, a man of seventyLENNY, a...

Examines the basis of Harold Pinter's tense comedy and how it functions in his plays as well as covering the major drama from *The Room* to *Other Places*. Diamond argues that the metaphysical fear and emptiness so characteristic of the Pinter situation are inseparable from his use and abuse of literary and popular comic traditions.

The Theatre of Harold Pinter offers a unique assesment of one of Britain's most influential dramatists, combining a chronological survey of Pinter's entire work for the stage with a series of incisive critical essays from leading scholars.

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