

## The Beauty Queen Of Leenane And Other Plays

Stars Maggie Kirkpatrick and Tracy Mann, with direction by Garry Hynes.

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Amos Oz groeide op als enig kind van een afstandelijke, rationele vader en een romantische, depressieve moeder, in een kleine, volgepakte woning, waar boeken de hoofdbewoners zijn. Ook hij neemt zijn toevlucht tot de wereld van de boeken en observeert zijn familieleden als tragikomische personages uit het werk van Tsjechov en Tolstoj. Als hij twaalf is, pleegt zijn moeder zelfmoord. Na deze dramatische gebeurtenis die zijn leven tekent, verruilt de jongen op zijn veertiende het claustrofobische ouderlijk huis voor het buitenleven in een kibboets, waar hij op een tractor rijdt en schrijver wordt. Een verhaal van liefde en duisternis is een fenomenaal geschreven roman, vol prachtige metaforen, humor en tederheid. Op meesterlijke wijze vervaecht Oz het verhaal van zijn persoonlijke leven met honderdtwintig jaar familiegeschiedenis, die begint in Odessa en via Polen en Praag eindigt in het door vluchtelingen, pioniers en Holocaust-overlevenden bevolkte Israël. Oz is persoonlijk betrokken bij de hoogte- en dieptepunten in de culturele en politieke geschiedenis van het door oorlog getekende Israël. Een verhaal van liefde en duisternis is een groots en fabelachtig boek over een man, een familie en een natie, verwickeld in een pijnlijke geschiedenis.

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.

Studienarbeit aus dem Jahr 2006 im Fachbereich Anglistik - Literatur, Note: 1,7, Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn (Englisches Seminar), Veranstaltung: British Drama of the 1990s: In-Yer-Face Theatre, 20 Quellen im Literaturverzeichnis, Sprache: Deutsch, Abstract: 1. Einführung in die Thematik Dass Martin McDonagh 1996 überhaupt sein mittlerweile weltbekanntes Drama The Beauty Queen of Leenane schrieb, ist nur einem kuriosen Zufall zu verdanken: „In seinem Handbuch folgte auf das Kapitel zur Hörspieldramaturgie eines über das Verfassen von Theaterstücken.“ Wer weiß, wo „the Tarantino of Theatre“ sonst gelandet wäre. Eines ist allerdings sicher: „McDonagh arrived at a time when the appetite of European audiences for the macabre and the grotesque combined with extreme violence and vulgarity has been whetted by ‘in-yer-face theatre’“. Mit seinem Erstlingswerk traf er also genau das Gefühl der Zeit, denn „The Beauty Queen of Leenane is a deeply disturbing play. It is an alarming blend of hysterical

comedy, grand melodrama, horrifying violence, and the most bleak tragedy.“ In der vorliegenden Arbeit soll auf einige Hauptthematiken des vielschichtigen Dramas genauer eingegangen werden. Allem voran liegt das Augenmerk auf dem dominierenden Mutter-Tochter-Konflikt, wobei den Hauptfiguren, Mag und Maureen Folan, separate Beachtung geschenkt wird. Über die Bedeutung des Briefes als Wendepunkt in der Beziehung beider Frauen, sowie über die Küche als Ort der Handlung soll darüber hinaus genauer eingegangen werden. Hierbei wird auch gezeigt, dass McDonagh „eine große Genauigkeit der Beobachtung [hat], was die kleinen Gemeinheiten betrifft, mit denen sich eng zusammenlebende Menschen gegenseitig das Leben schwer machen“. Im folgenden Kapitel soll die Irlanddarstellung im Mittelpunkt der Aufmerksamkeit stehen, wobei nicht nur die zwischenmenschliche Isolation, sondern auch die globale Problematik von Arbeitslosigkeit und Auswanderungsmentalität berücksichtigt wird. Des Weiteren rückt die Rolle der Medien in diesem Zusammenhang in den Fokus der Betrachtung. Abschließend soll *The Beauty Queen of Leenane* mit anderen Dramen des in-her-face theatre in Verbindung gebracht und seine Zugehörigkeit zu dieser Gruppierung verdeutlicht werden.

This book includes information on the most recent and youngest playwrights working today at the Abbey, Druid, and Lyric Theatres. Sanford Sternlicht discusses the important plays of all the playwrights included and the major themes of modern Irish drama.

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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 Lanter, Patrick Lonergan, Stephanie Pocock, Richard Rankin Russell, Karen Vandeveldel  
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Martin McDonagh is one of the world's most popular dramatists. This is a highly readable and illuminating analysis of his career to date that will appeal to the legions of fans of his stage plays and the films *Six Shooter* and *In Bruges*. As a resource for students

and practitioners it is unrivalled, providing an authoritative and enquiring approach to his work that moves beyond the tired discussions of national identity to offer a comprehensive critical exploration. Patrick Lonergan provides a detailed analysis of each of his plays and films, their original staging, critical reception, and the connections within and between the Leenane Trilogy, the Aran Islands plays and more recent work. It includes an interview with Garry Hynes, artistic director of Druid Theatre Company, and offers four critical essays on key features of McDonagh's work by leading international scholars: Joan Dean, Eamonn Jordan, Jose Lanters and Karen O'Brien. A series of further resources including a chronology, glossary, notes on McDonagh's use of language and a list of further reading makes this the perfect companion to one of the most exciting dramatists writing today. While still in his twenties, the Anglo-Irish playwright Martin McDonagh has filled houses in London and New York, ranked in the most prestigious drama awards.

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Employing the perspective of cultural trauma studies, this thesis explores the rich cultural memory of food's association with power that has surfaced in many works of the Irish Canon-including W. B. Yeats, James Joyce, Samuel Beckett, and Edna O'Brien - and has been inherited and forwarded by Martin McDonagh's *The Beauty Queen of Leenane* and *The Cripple of Inishmaan*. This is achieved by looking through the lens of gender, which further clarifies and magnifies this association. In doing so, this thesis will fill a hungry gap in scholarship that ought to acknowledge a truth important enough to be traceable and enduring for centuries: in Ireland, food equals power.

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.

*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.

In diaries covering the period of his artistic directorship of the Abbey, Ben Barnes offers a frank, honest, and probing account of a much commented upon and controversial period in the history of the national theatre. These diaries also provide fascinating

personal insights into the day to day pressures, joys, and frustrations of running one of Ireland's most iconic institutions. For over a century now the Abbey has conducted its love/hate relationship with the Irish public and the wider international audience, and in *Plays and Controversies* Ben Barnes illuminates his own eventful chapter in that absorbing story - the impact of a fascinating still-remembered chapter in the story of the Abbey Theatre, related at first hand with a fire and a vigorous sense of commitment comparable to that of the founding fathers. Christopher FitzSimons-Barnes addresses a moment in Irish cultural history which stands as a many-sided cautionary tale. It is the tale of an embattled man, a courageous man, who dares to borrow Yeats's title because he found himself for a time in similar circumstances running the national theatre though in altogether different conditions. Chris Murray. We believe that this book is an important historical record of a recent tumultuous period in relation to the Abbey Theatre and anticipate that it will make a worthwhile contribution to lively cultural debate on theatre, history and politics.

An anthology bringing together some of the most important and controversial plays from the last twenty years.

In this volume, some contributors explore violence as an integral element in both dramatic texts and performance throughout the history of the theatre, from Roman blood spectacles to contemporary representations of incest and child sexual abuse. Other contributors, members of the Society of American Fight Directors, examine the various facets of the actual staging of violence, such as orchestrating sound and recreating Shakespearean swordplay. A final group analyzes examples of theatrical violence at the fringes of social acceptability, as seen in the work of Martin McDonagh and Mark Ravenhill. Together, these articles put stage violence in perspective and help students of theatre better understand the nature -- and consequences -- of what they often represent.

Martin McDonagh's plays have been produced in London and New York and have garnered numerous awards including four Tony Award nominations for Best Play. Since the debut of *The Beauty Queen of Leenane* in 1996, his work has been heralded for capturing the dark humor and zeitgeist of postmodern rural Ireland. Plays include: *The Beauty Queen of Leenane*, *Skull of Connemara* and *Lonesome West*.

The most controversial and newsworthy plays of British theatre are a rash of rude, vicious and provocative pieces by a brat pack of twentysomethings whose debuts startled critics and audiences with their heady mix of sex, violence and street-poetry. *In-Yer-Face Theatre* is the first book to study this exciting outburst of creative self-expression by what in other contexts has been called Generation X, or Thatcher's Children, the 'yoof' who grew up during the last Conservative Government. The book argues that, for example, *Trainspotting*, *Blasted*, *Mojo* and *Shopping and F\*\*king* are much more than a collection of shock tactics - taken together, they represent a consistent critique of modern life, one which focuses on the problem of violence, the crisis of masculinity and the futility of consumerism. The book contains extensive interviews with playwrights, including Sarah Kane (*Blasted*), Mark Ravenhill (*Shopping and F\*\*king*), Philip Ridley (*The Pitchfork Disney*), Patrick Marber (*Closer*) and Martin McDonagh (*The Beauty Queen of Leenane*).

*The Beauty Queen of Leenane* was first presented as a Druid Theatre/Royal Court Theatre co-production in January 1996. Set in

the mountains of Connemara, County Galway, The Beauty Queen of Leenane tells the darkly comic tale of Maureen Folan, a plain and lonely woman in her early forties, and Mag her manipulative ageing mother whose interference in Maureen's first and potentially last loving relationship sets in motion a train of events that is as gothically funny as it is horrific.

This exciting book uniquely combines interviews with scholars and practitioners in theatre studies to look at what most people feel is a pivotal moment of British theatre - the 1990s. With a particular focus on 'in-yer-face theatre', this volume will be essential reading for all students and scholars of contemporary British theatre.

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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.

What show won the Emmy for Outstanding Drama Series in 1984? Who won the Oscar as Best Director in 1929? What actor won the Best Actor Obie for his work in *Futz* in 1967? Who was named "Comedian of the Year" by the Country Music Association in 1967? Whose album was named "Record of the Year" by the American Music Awards in 1991? What did the National Broadway Theatre Awards name as the "Best Musical" in 2003? This thoroughly updated, revised and "highly recommended" (*Library Journal*) reference work lists over 15,000 winners of twenty major entertainment awards: the Oscar, Golden Globe, Grammy, Country Music Association, New York Film Critics, Pulitzer Prize for Theater, Tony, Obie, New York Drama Critic's Circle, Prime Time Emmy, Daytime Emmy, the American Music Awards, the Drama Desk Awards, the National Broadway Theatre Awards (touring Broadway plays), the National Association of Broadcasters Awards, the American Film Institute Awards and Peabody. Production personnel and special honors are also provided.

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 Billy, an unloved and crippled 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. 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 fulfilled 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. This Student Edition, complete with plot summary and scholarly notes, is edited by Dr. P.J. Mathews of University College Dublin.

After the veritable hype concerning postmodernism in the 1980s and early 1990s, when questions about when it began, what it means and which texts it comprises were apt to trigger heated discussions, the excitement has notably cooled down at the turn of the century. Voices are now beginning to be heard which seem to suggest a new episteme in the making which points beyond postmodernism, while it remains at the same time very uncertain whether what appears as newness is not rather a return to traditional concepts, theoretical premises, and authorial practices. Contributors to this volume propose to explore new openings and recent developments in anglophone literatures and cultural theories which engage with issues seen to be central in the construction of a postmodern paradigm, but deal with them in ways that

promise new openings or a new Zeitgeist.

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