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*Eugene O'Neill's America* Dec 17 2020 In the face of seemingly relentless American optimism, Eugene O'Neill's plays reveal an America many would like to ignore, a place of seething resentments, aching desires, and family tragedy, where failure and disappointment are the norm and the American dream a chimera. Though derided by critics during his lifetime, his works resonated with audiences, won him the Nobel Prize and four Pulitzer, and continue to grip theatergoers today. Now noted historian John Patrick Diggins offers a masterly biography that both traces O'Neill's tumultuous life and explains the forceful ideas that form the heart of his unflinching works. Diggins paints a richly detailed portrait of the playwright's life, from his Irish roots and his early years at sea to his relationships with his troubled mother and brother. Here we see O'Neill as a young Greenwich Village radical, a ravenous autodidact who attempted to understand the disjunction between the sunny public face of American life and the rage that he knew was simmering beneath. According to Diggins, O'Neill mined this disjunction like no other American writer. His characters burn with longing for an idealized future composed of equal parts material success and individual freedom, but repeatedly they fall back to earth, pulled by the tendrils of family and the insatiability of desire. Drawing on thinkers from Emerson to Nietzsche, O'Neill viewed this endlessly frustrated desire as the problematic core of American democracy, simultaneously driving and undermining American ideals of progress, success, and individual freedom. Melding a penetrating assessment of O'Neill's works and thought with a sensitive re-creation of his life, *Eugene O'Neill's America* offers a striking new view of America's greatest playwright - and a new picture of American democracy itself.

*The Iceman Cometh* Oct 07 2022 A play about people who have been battered by life, who have done shocking things according to glib, conventional standards of respectability.

*Long Day's Journey into Night* Jul 04 2022 divEugene O'Neill's autobiographical play *Long Day's Journey into Night* is regarded as his masterpiece and a classic of American drama. With this new edition, at last it has the critical edition that it deserves. William Davies King provides students and theater artists with an invaluable guide to the text, including an essay on historical and critical perspectives; glosses of literary allusions and quotations; notes on the performance history; an annotated bibliography; and illustrations. "This is a worthy new edition, one that I'm sure will appeal to many students and teachers. William Davies King provides a thoughtful introduction to *Long Day's Journey into Night*—equally sensitive to the most particular and most encompassing of the play's materials."—Marc Robinson/DIV

*Critical Companion to Eugene O'Neill, 2-Volume Set* Feb 28 2022 This study explores the personal, historical, and artistic influences that combined to form such dark and influential American masterpieces as *'The Iceman Cometh'*, *'The Emperor Jones'*, *'Mourning Becomes Electra'*, *'Hughie'*, and - arguably the finest tragedy ever written by an American - *'Long Day's Journey into Night'*.

*The Plays of Eugene O'Neill* Oct 27 2021 *Cosmology and geography -- History -- Mankind -- Form -- O'Neill as an American writer -- Index.*

*The Hairy Ape* Jan 18 2021 SCENE—The firemen's forecabin of a transatlantic liner an hour after sailing from New York for the voyage across. Tiers of narrow, steel bunks, three deep, on all sides. An entrance in rear. Benches on the floor before the bunks. The room is crowded with men, shouting, cursing, laughing, singing—a confused, inchoate uproar swelling into a sort of unity, a meaning—the bewildered, furious, baffled defiance of a beast in a cage. Nearly all the men are drunk. Many bottles are passed from hand to hand. All are dressed in dungaree pants, heavy ugly shoes. Some wear singlets, but the majority are stripped to the waist.

*Eugene O'Neill's Last Plays* Sep 25 2021 This study draws on research concerning the lives of Eugene O'Neill, his family and his circle. It corrects and expands the biographical record on him and distinguishes the man and his life from the creations that were inspired by, and drew on, that life. Included are his attempted suicide, his tuberculosis, and his relationship with his parents.

*Anna Christie* Oct 15 2020 *Anna Christie* is a play in four acts, which won O'Neill the 1922 Pulitzer Prize for Drama. Anna makes contact with the father she has not seen since her infancy, and he takes her on board his coal barge. There she falls in love with a man they rescue from a shipwreck, but trouble arises when she tells them she has been working as a prostitute.

*A Touch of the Poet* Nov 03 2019 THE STORY: As told by Chapman, (NY News): The time of the play is 1828, and the setting is a tavern in a village near Boston. The tavern is owned by a tempestuous Irishman, Con Melody, who is as proud as he is ill-tempered. He had been born with w

*Eugene O'Neill: Complete Plays Vol. 1 1913-1920 (LOA #40)* Jul 24 2021 The only American dramatist awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature, Eugene O'Neill wrote with poetic expressiveness, emotional intensity, and immense dramatic power. This Library of America volume (the first in a three-volume set) contains twenty-nine plays he wrote between 1913, when he began his career, and 1920, the year he first achieved Broadway success. Many of O'Neill's early plays are one-act melodramas whose characters are caught in extreme situations. *Thirst* and *Fog* depict shipwreck survivors, *The Web* a young mother trapped in the New York underworld, and *Abortion* the aftermath of a college student's affair with a stenographer. His first distinctive works are four one-act plays about the crew of the tramp steamer *Glencairn* that render sailors' speech with masterful faithfulness. *Bound East for Cardiff*, *In the Zone*, *The Long Voyage Home*, and *The Moon of the Caribbees* portray these "children of the sea" as they watch over a dying man, sail through submarine-patrolled waters, take their shore leave in a London dive, and drink rum in a moonlit tropical anchorage. In *Beyond the Horizon* Robert Mayo begins a tragic chain of events by abandoning his dream of a life at sea, choosing instead to marry the woman his brother loves and remain on his family farm. The sea in "Anna Christie" is both "dat ole devil" to coal barge captain Chris Christopherson and a source of spiritual cleansing to his daughter Anna, an embittered prostitute. When a swaggering stoker falls in love with her, Anna becomes the apex of a three-sided struggle full of enraged pride, grim foreboding, and stubborn hope. Both of these plays won the Pulitzer Prize and helped establish O'Neill as a successful Broadway playwright. *The Emperor Jones* depicts the nightmarish journey through a West Indian forest of Brutus Jones, a former Pullman porter turned island ruler. Fleeing his rebellious subjects, Jones confronts his violent deeds and the tortured history of his race in a series of hallucinatory episodes whose expressionist quality anticipates many of O'Neill's later plays. LIBRARY OF AMERICA is an independent nonprofit cultural organization founded in 1979 to preserve our nation's literary heritage by publishing, and keeping permanently in print, America's best and most significant writing. The Library of America series includes more than 300 volumes to date, authoritative editions that average 1,000 pages in length, feature cloth covers, sewn bindings, and ribbon markers, and are printed on premium acid-free paper that will last for centuries.

*Eugene O'Neill's Creative Struggle* Nov 15 2020 In *Eugene O'Neill's Creative Struggle*, Doris Alexander gives us a new kind of inside biography that begins where the others leave off. It follows O'Neill through the door into his writing room to give a blow-by-blow account of how he fought out in his plays his great life battles—love against hate, doubt against belief, life against death—to an ever-expanding understanding. It presents a new kind of criticism, showing how O'Neill's most intimate struggles worked their way to resolution through the drama of his plays. Alexander reveals that he was engineering his own consciousness through his plays and solving his life problems—while the tone, imagery, and richness of the plays all came out of the nexus of memories summoned up by the urgency of the

problems he faced in them. By the way of O'Neill, this study moves toward a theory of the impulse that sets off a writer's creativity, and a theory of how that impulse acts to shape a work, not only in a dramatist like O'Neill but also in the case of writers in other mediums, and even of painters and composers. The study begins with *Desire Under the Elms* because that play's plot was consolidated by a dream that opened up the transfixing grief that precipitated the play for O'Neill, and it ends with *Days Without End* when he had resolved his major emotional-philosophical struggle and created within himself the voice of his final great plays. Since the analysis brings to bear on the plays all of his conscious decisions, ideas, theories, as well as the life-and-death struggles motivating them, documenting even the final creative changes made during rehearsals, this book provides a definitive account of the nine plays analyzed in detail (*Desire Under the Elms*, *Marco Millions*, *The Great God Brown*, *Lazarus Laughed*, *Strange Interlude*, *Dynamo*, *Mourning Becomes Electra*, *Ah, Wilderness!*, and *Days Without End*, with additional analysis of plays written before and after.

*Down the Nights and Down the Days* Aug 25 2021 This latest book from veteran O'Neillian Edward L. Shaughnessy examines the influence of the Irish playwright's Catholic heritage on his moral imagination. Critics, due to O'Neill's early renunciation of faith at age 15, have mostly overlooked this presence in his work. While Shaughnessy makes no attempt to reclaim him for Catholicism, he uncovers evidence that O'Neill retained the imprint of his Irish Catholic upbringing and acculturation in his work. Shaughnessy discusses several key plays from the O'Neill canon, such as *Long Day's Journey into Night*, *The Iceman Cometh*, and *Mourning Becomes Electra*, as well as the lesser-known *Ile* and *Days Without End*. Winner of the Irish in America Manuscript competition, *Down the Days and Down the Nights: Eugene O'Neill's Catholic Sensibility* is a compelling investigation into the psyche of one of the most brilliant, internationally honored playwrights of our time.

*The Iceman Cometh* [Theatre Programme] Sep 06 2022

Hughie May 02 2022 *THE STORY*: Originally produced on Broadway, revived to sellout houses in 1996 starring Al Pacino, HUGHIE was one of O'Neill's last works. It was originally intended as part of a series of short plays, but it became the lone survivor when O'Neill de

*Days Without End* Jan 06 2020 "Days Without End" by Eugene O'Neill. Published by Good Press. Good Press publishes a wide range of titles that encompasses every genre. From well-known classics & literary fiction and non-fiction to forgotten—or yet undiscovered gems—of world literature, we issue the books that need to be read. Each Good Press edition has been meticulously edited and formatted to boost readability for all e-readers and devices. Our goal is to produce eBooks that are user-friendly and accessible to everyone in a high-quality digital format.

*Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* Jun 30 2019 'Big Daddy' Pollitt, the richest cotton planter in the Mississippi Delta, is about to celebrate his sixty-fifth birthday. His two sons have returned home for the occasion: Gooper, his wife and children, Brick, an ageing football hero who has turned to drink, and his feisty wife Maggie. As the hot summer evening unfolds, the veneer of happy family life and Southern gentility gradually slips away as unpleasant truths emerge and greed, lies, jealousy and suppressed sexuality threaten to reach boiling point. Made into a film starring Elizabeth Taylor and Paul Newman, *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* is a masterly portrayal of family tensions and individuals trapped in prisons of their own making.

*The Cambridge Companion to Eugene O'Neill* Nov 27 2021 Specially commissioned essays explore the life and work of Eugene O'Neill from his earliest writings to *Long Day's Journey Into Night*.

*Eugene O'Neill* Sep 13 2020 Stricken with guilt and grief when his father, mother and brother died in quick succession, Eugene O'Neill mourned deeply for two decades. This critical biography presents an understanding of O'Neill's life, work and slow grieving.

*The Aesthetics of Failure* Feb 05 2020 Critic Clive Barnes once called Eugene O'Neill the "world's worst great playwright" and Brooks Atkinson called him "a tragic dramatist with a great knack for old-fashioned melodrama." These descriptions of the man can also be used to describe his work. Despite the fact that O'Neill is the only American playwright to win the Nobel Prize for Literature and his last works are some of America's finest, most of his published works are not good. This work closely examines how O'Neill's failures as a playwright are inspiring and how his disappointments are reflections of his own theory that tragedy requires failure, a theory that is evident in his work. Conflicts in O'Neill's plays are studied at the structural level, with attention paid to genre, language or dialogue, characters, space and time elements, and action. Included is information about O'Neill's life and a chronological listing of all of his 50 plays with basic details such as production history, principal characters, dramatic action, and a brief commentary.

*The Theatre of Eugene O'Neill* Sep 01 2019 Named a Choice Outstanding Academic Title of the Year 2018 *The Theatre of Eugene O'Neill* offers a new comprehensive overview of O'Neill's career and plays in the context of the American theatre. Organised thematically, it considers his modernist intervention in the theatre, offers readers detailed analysis of the plays, and assesses the recent resurgence in his reputation and new approaches to staging his work. It includes a study of all his major plays—*The Emperor Jones*, *The Hairy Ape*, *The Iceman Cometh*, *Long Day's Journey Into Night*, *A Moon for the Misbegotten* and *Desire Under the Elms*—besides numerous other full length and one act dramas. Eugene O'Neill is generally credited with inventing modern American drama, in a time of cultural ferment and lively artistic and intellectual change. Yet O'Neill's theatrical instincts were always shaped by American stage traditions that were inextricable from his sense of himself and his own national culture. This study shows that his theatrical modernism represents not so much a break from these traditions as a reinvention of their scope and significance in the context of international stage modernism, offering an image of national culture and character that opens new possibilities for the stage while remaining rooted in its past. Kurt Eisen traces O'Neill's modernism throughout the dramatist's work: his attempts to break from the themes, plots, and moral conventions of the traditional melodramatic theatre; his experiments in stagecraft and theme, and their connection to traditional theatre and his European modernist contemporaries; the turn toward direct and indirect self-representation; and his critique of the family and of American 'pipe dreams' and the allure of success. The volume additionally features four contributed essays providing further critical perspectives on O'Neill's work, alongside a chronology of the writer's life and times.

*Eugene O'Neill* Jun 10 2020

*The First Man* Jun 03 2022 This thought-provoking play from Irish-American playwright Eugene O'Neill takes an unflinching look at the challenges of parenting and the often primal conflicts that can fester between parents and their children. The drama unfolds during what starts out as a pleasant-enough social visit, as anthropologist Curtis Jayson and his wife Martha play host to one of Curtis' college friends.

*Early Plays* Aug 01 2019 A selection of early work—including two Pulitzer Prize-winning plays—from Eugene O'Neill, winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature A Penguin Classic Included in this volume are seven one-act plays (*The Moon of the Caribbees*, *Bound East for Cardiff*, *In the Zone*, *The Long Voyage Home*, *Ile*, *Where the Cross Is Made*, and *The Rope*), and five full-length plays (*Beyond the Horizon*, *The Straw*, *Anna Christie*, and the classics *The Emperor Jones* and *The Hairy Ape*), all written between 1914 and 1921 and produced for the stage between 1916 and 1922. The majority of these plays are heavily influenced by German expressionism—Freud, Nietzsche, Strindberg, and the radical leftist politics in which O'Neill was involved during his youth. Also included in this unique collection is the little-known and highly autobiographical play *The Straw*, which draws on O'Neill's confinement in the Gaylord Farm Sanatorium.

*Eugene O'Neill's New Language of Kinship* Apr 20 2021

*Eugene O'Neill in China* Aug 13 2020 The year 1988 was notable for being the centennial of playwright Eugene O'Neill's birth and a time of unprecedented democratization in the People's Republic of China. In this optimal climate, a remarkable festival and conference devoted to O'Neill was held in Nanjing, China, attended by noted O'Neill scholars and theatre artists from around the world. The essays in this volume capture the intellectual and artistic stimulation of the conference, exploring the major areas of O'Neill scholarship, with an emphasis on his international reputation, particularly in Asia. Included is a forum on the festival productions, as well as photographs.

*Three Plays* Feb 16 2021 Winner of the Nobel Prize These three plays exemplify Eugene O'Neill's ability to explore the limits of the human predicament, even as he sounds the depths of his audiences' hearts.

*Four Plays by Eugene O'Neill* Mar 08 2020 Contained within this volume are some of the best of O'Neill's early one-act plays, which foreshadowed the longer plays that have given this dramatist his most enduring fame. "Beyond the Horizon" was the first of O'Neill's three Pulitzer Prize-winning plays. It follows the disappointed dreams of two brothers on their family farm. "The Emperor Jones" is an expressionist transformation of a black man named Brutus Jones. In fleeing from his rebelling subjects in the West Indies, Jones is taken back to his racial past and undergoes a night of personal destruction. In "Anna Christie," we find a drama focusing on the relationship of a young woman and her sailor father, who has not seen her for twenty years. As their story unfolds, Anna's troubled romantic past comes to light, and the hardships of women during that time period become as apparent as the power of forgiveness and love. In the final play in this collection, "The Hairy Ape," a ship's fireman becomes disillusioned concerning the work he performs in a society that is quickly industrializing and taking a heavy human toll.

*A Study Guide for Eugene O'Neill's The Iceman Cometh* Jul 12 2020

*Eugene O'Neill* Jun 22 2021

*Eugene O'Neill* May 10 2020

Marco Millions Dec 29 2021 O'Neill's biting satire of modern materialism, as Marco Polo tries to prove to the great Kublai Kaan that he has a soul. Nobel Prize-winning American Playwright.

By Women Possessed May 22 2021 Celebrated for their books on Eugene O'Neill and enjoying access to a trove of previously sealed archival material, the Gelbs deliver their final volume on the stormy life and brilliant oeuvre of this Nobel Prize-winning American playwright. This is a tour through both a magical moment in American theater and the troubled life of a genius. Not a peep show or a celebrity gossip fest, this book is a brilliant investigation of the emotional knots that ensnared one of our most important playwrights. Handsome, charming when he wanted to be: O'Neill was the flame women were drawn to—all, that is, except his mother, who never let him forget he was unwanted. By Women Possessed follows O'Neill through his great successes, the failures he was able to shrug off, and the long eclipse, a twelve-year period in which, despite the Nobel, nothing he wrote was produced. But ahead lay his greatest achievements: *The Iceman Cometh* and *Long Day's Journey into Night*. Both were ahead of their time and both received lukewarm receptions. It wasn't until after his death that his widow, the keeper of the flame, began a fierce and successful campaign to restore his reputation. The result is that today, just over 125 years after his birth, O'Neill is a towering presence in the theater, his work—always in performance here and abroad—still electrifying audiences. Perhaps of equal importance, he is the acknowledged father of modern American theater, the man who paved the way for the likes of Arthur Miller, Tennessee Williams, Edward Albee, and a host of others. But, as Williams has said, at a cost: "O'Neill gave birth to the American theater and died for it."

Seven Plays of the Sea Apr 08 2020 The action of the seven one-act plays takes place in the years preceding World War I

Perverse Mind Apr 01 2022 The fact is, nothing in O'Neill's forty-five theatrical endeavors of varying merit prior to 1939 suggests the unmistakable touch of genius which radiates from his last plays - *A Touch of the Poet* (1939), *The Iceman Cometh* (1940), *Long Day's Journey into Night* (1941), *Hughie* (1942), and *A Moon for the Misbegotten* (1943).--BOOK JACKET. "At least one valid explanation for this phenomenon is the greatly improved endings of the late plays."--BOOK JACKET.

Eugene O'Neill Remembered Oct 03 2019 Eugene O'Neill Remembered is a collection of reminiscences by O'Neill's contemporaries, friends, and family that illuminate the life of one of America's most significant playwrights.

Long Day's Journey Into Night Mar 20 2021 *Long Day's Journey into Night* was written in 1940 but not staged until 1956, after O'Neill's death. Unashamedly autobiographical, it is, as he puts it himself in the dedicatory note, 'a play of old sorrow, written in tears and blood', a harrowing attempt to understand himself and his family.

*The Iceman Cometh* Nov 08 2022 "We live and die, in the spirit, in solitude, and the true strength of *Iceman* is its intense dramatic exemplification of that somber reality. . . . Life, in *Iceman*, is what it is in Schopenhauer: illusion."--from the foreword by Harold Bloom *The Iceman Cometh* focuses on a group of alcoholics and misfits who endlessly discuss but never act on their dreams, and Hickey, the traveling salesman determined to strip them of their pipe dreams. Eugene O'Neill--the first American playwright to win the Nobel Prize in literature--completed *Iceman* in 1939, but he delayed production until after the war, when it enjoyed a long run of performances in 1946 after receiving mixed reviews. Three years after O'Neill's death, Jason Robards starred in a Broadway revival that brought new critical attention to O'Neill's darkest and most nihilistic play. Since then, *The Iceman Cometh* has gained enormously in stature; many critics now recognize it as one of the greatest plays in American drama.

Eugene O'Neill Jan 30 2022 An "absorbing" biography of the playwright and Nobel laureate that "unflinchingly explores the darkness that dominated O'Neill's life" (Publishers Weekly). This extraordinary biography fully captures the intimacies of Eugene O'Neill's tumultuous life and the profound impact of his work on American drama, innovatively highlighting how the stories he told for the stage interweave with his actual life stories as well as the culture and history of his time. Much is new in this extensively researched book: connections between O'Neill's plays and his political and philosophical worldview; insights into his Irish American upbringing and lifelong torment over losing faith in God; his vital role in African American cultural history; unpublished photographs, including a unique offstage picture of him with his lover Louise Bryant; new evidence of O'Neill's desire to become a novelist and what this reveals about his unique dramatic voice; and a startling revelation about the release of *Long Day's Journey into Night* in defiance of his explicit instructions. This biography is also the first to discuss O'Neill's lost play *Exorcism* (a single copy of which was only recently recovered), a dramatization of his own suicide attempt. Written with both a lively informality and a scholar's strict accuracy, Eugene O'Neill: A Life in Four Acts is a biography worthy of America's foremost playwright. "Fast-paced, highly readable . . . building to a devastating last act." --Irish Times

Nine Plays by Eugene O'Neill Dec 05 2019

*Illusion and Reality in Eugene O'Neill's "The Iceman Cometh" and "Long Day's Journey into Night"* Aug 05 2022 Seminar paper from the year 2010 in the subject English Language and Literature Studies - Literature, grade: 1,3, Ruhr-University of Bochum (Englisches Seminar), course: Eugene O'Neill, language: English, abstract: *The Iceman Cometh* (published in 1940) and *Long Day's Journey into Night* (published in 1956 after O'Neill's death) are widely recognized to be two of Eugene O'Neill's best plays. Both belong to his late plays and apart from that bear a lot of similarities. The focus of this paper will be to analyze *The Iceman Cometh* and *Long Day's Journey into Night* with special regard to the importance of illusion and reality for both the characters and the progress of the play. Furthermore a comparison will be made between Hickey in *The Iceman Cometh* and Mary Cavan Tyrone in *Long Day's Journey into Night* in order to show that they have similar functions in their respective plays. Finally a conclusion will be given which will sum up the argumentation.