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**Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri** - Martin

McDonagh 2018-01-10  
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.

*Hangmen* - Martin McDonagh 2015-10-01

I'm just as good as bloody Pierrepoint. 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.

*The Beauty Queen of Leenane and Other Plays* - Martin McDonagh 1996

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.

**No Country for Old Men** - Paddy Lyons 2008

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.

**The Beauty Queen of Leenane** - Martin McDonagh  
2013-08-11

This Student Edition of Martin McDonagh's *The Beauty Queen of Leenane* features expert and helpful annotation, including a scene-by-scene summary, a detailed commentary on the dramatic, social and political context, and on the themes, characters, language and structure of the play, as well a list of suggested reading and questions for further study and a review of performance history. 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 spinster in her early forties, and Mag her devilishly 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. Maureen might long for the romance that will spirit her away, but if she goes, who will stir the lumps out of Mag's Complian? *The Beauty Queen of Leenane* was first presented as a Druid Theatre/Royal Court Theatre co-production in January 1996. An instant classic from its first performance, *The Beauty Queen of Leenane* established Martin McDonagh as the natural successor to Oscar Wilde and Joe Orton. The Oscar and Bafta-winning writer's other films and plays include *In Bruges* and *The Pillowman*. [The Cripple Of Inishmaan](#) - Martin McDonagh 2013-11-06 "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.

**Angels in America: A Gay Fantasia on National Themes** - Tony Kushner

2014-01-16

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Drama Angels in America: A Gay Fantasia on National Themes includes Part One, Millennium Approaches and Part Two, Perestroika "Glorious. A monumental, subversive, altogether remarkable masterwork...Details of specific catastrophes may have changed since this Reagan-era AIDS epic won the Pulitzer and the Tony, but the real cosmic and human obsessions—power, religion, sex, responsibility, the future of the world—are as perilous, yet as falling-down funny, as ever." -Linda Winer, Newsday "A vast, miraculous play... provocative, witty and deeply upsetting... a searching and radical rethinking of American political drama." - Frank Rich, New York Times "A victory for theater, for the transforming power of the imagination to turn devastation into beauty." - John Lahr, New Yorker "An enormously impressive work of the imagination and intellect, a towering example of what

theater stretched to its full potential can achieve." - Philadelphia Inquirer "Angels in America is the finest drama of our time, speaking to us of an entire era of life and death as no other play within memory. It ranks as nothing less than one of the greatest plays of the twentieth century." - John Heilpern, New York Observer "Some playwrights want to change the world. Some want to revolutionize theater. Tony Kushner is that rarity of rarities: a writer who has the promise to do both." - New York Times This new edition of Tony Kushner's masterpiece is published with the author's recent changes and a new introduction in celebration of the twentieth anniversary of its original production. One of the most honored American plays in history, Angels in America was awarded two Tony Awards for Best Play and the Pulitzer Prize for Drama. It was made into an Emmy Award-winning HBO film directed by Mike Nichols. This two-part epic, subtitled "A Gay Fantasia on National

Themes," has received hundreds of performances worldwide in more than twenty-six languages. Tony Kushner's plays include Angels in America; Hydriotaphia, or the Death of Dr. Brown; The Illusion, adapted from the play by Pierre Corneille; Slavs!; A Bright Room Called Day; Homebody/Kabul; Caroline, or Change, a musical with composer Jeanine Tesori; and The Intelligent Homosexual's Guide to Capitalism and Socialism with a Key to the Scriptures. He wrote the screenplays for Mike Nichols's film of Angels in America and for Steven Spielberg's Munich and Lincoln. His books include The Art of Maurice Sendak: 1980 to the Present; Brundibar, with illustrations by Maurice Sendak; and Wrestling with Zion: Progressive Jewish-American Responses to the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict, co-edited with Alisa Solomon. Among many honors, Kushner is the recipient of a Pulitzer Prize, two Tony Awards, three Obie Awards, two Evening Standard Awards, an Olivier

Award, an Emmy Award, two Oscar nominations, and the Steinberg Distinguished Playwright Award. He is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Letters. In 2012, he was awarded a National Medal of Arts by President Barack Obama. He lives in Manhattan with his husband, Mark Harris.

**Seven One-act Plays** - Wendy Wasserstein 2000

Presents a collection of one-act plays, including "Waiting for Philip Glass," "Medea," and "The Man in a Case."

**Comic Elements in the Drama "Cripple of Inishmaan" by Martin**

**McDonagh** - Maren Tanner  
2013-08-02

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. [A History of Modern Drama, Volume II](#) - David Krasner  
2016-03-31  
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.

*McDonagh Plays: 1* - Martin McDonagh 2014-05-08

Martin McDonagh's plays have been produced in Galway, Dublin, London and New York. They have created excitement and have won numerous awards. In individual editions the plays have been among Methuen's most popular sellers. 'Martin McDonagh's *The Leenane Trilogy*, one of the great events of the contemporary Irish theatre' (Irish Times). This volume contains: *The Beauty Queen of Leenane* - 'McDonagh's writing is pitiless but compassionate: he casts a cold, hard, but understanding eye on relationships made of mistrust, hesitation, resentment and malevolence' (Sunday Times); *A Skull in Connemara* - 'Here, McDonagh's gift is at its most naked and infectious . . . it leaves you giddy with gruesome exhilaration' (Financial Times); *The Lonesome West*: 'The play combines manic energy and physical violence in a way that

is both hilarious and viscerally exciting' (Daily Telegraph) "A star is born, bright and blazing, confident, individual and shockingly accomplished" (Sunday Times)

### **The Intertextuality and Intermediality of the Anglophone Popular Song -**

Michael Ingham 2022-09-07

Popular song is a liminal, hybrid form of cultural production. As a manifestation of adaptation studies, it has lacked visibility by comparison with more dominant adaptation practices, especially those for the screen. This book serves to fill this gap. It investigates what songwriters read and write before they start singing, showing that they need either to adapt material from existing sources or write their own lyrics drawn from a wide range of source texts and personal experiences. They are subject to myriad influences, and among these are other song lyrics, poems, novels, plays, films and hybrid cultural forms. This deep-structure intertextuality is embedded in the cultural flux of language,

and operates at both conscious and subconscious levels. This book thus explores the complex and multifarious intertextual connections between popular songs of various genres, styles and eras and literary works, including, but by no means limited to, the Bible and Shakespeare. As such, it offers a valuable resource, by exploring the deep intertextual significance of literary source material for the intellectual and emotional diversity that can be found in the popular song form; the inverse reciprocal relationship, while much less common, is also considered in the study.

[Fifty Key Irish Plays](#) - Shaun Richards 2022-08-25

Fifty Key Irish Plays charts the progression of modern Irish drama from Dion Boucicault's entry on to the global stage of the Irish diaspora to the contemporary dramas created by the experiences of the New Irish. Each chapter provides a brief plot outline along with informed analysis and, alert to the cultural and critical context of each play, an account of the

key roles that they played in the developing story of Irish drama. While the core of the collection is based on the critical canon, including work by J. M. Synge, Lady Gregory, Teresa Deevy, and Brian Friel, plays such as Tom Mac Intyre's *The Great Hunger* and ANU Productions' *Laundry*, which illuminate routes away from the mainstream, are also included. With a focus on the development of form as well as theme, the collection guides the reader to an informed overview of Irish theatre via succinct and insightful essays by an international team of academics. This invaluable collection will be of particular interest to undergraduate students of theatre and performance studies and to lay readers looking to expand their appreciation of Irish drama.

HJEAS - 2003

**The Lieutenant of Inishmore**  
- Martin McDonagh 2014-09-22  
'There's more than one way to skin a theatrical cat; and McDonagh's chosen weapons are laughter and gore...

Pushing theatre to its limits, McDonagh is making a serious point... a work as subversive as those Synge and O'Casey plays that sparked Dublin riots in the last century' Guardian 'A brave satire... Swiftianly savage and parodic... with explicit brutal actino and lines which sing with grace and wit' Observer Who knocked Mad Padraic's cat over on a lonely road on the island of Inishmore and was it an accident? He'll want to know when he gets back from a stint of torture and chip-shop bombing in Northern Ireland: he loves his cat more than life itself. The Lieutenant of Inishmore is a brilliant satire on terrorism, a powerful corrective to the beautification of violence in contemporary culture, and a hilarious farce. It premiered at the RSC's *The Other Place*, Stratford-upon-Avon, in May 2001.

Commentary and notes by Patrick Lonergan

**The Palgrave Handbook of Contemporary Irish Theatre and Performance** - Eamonn Jordan 2018-09-18

This Handbook offers a

multiform sweep of theoretical, historical, practical and personal glimpses into a landscape roughly characterised as contemporary Irish theatre and performance. Bringing together a spectrum of voices and sensibilities in each of its four sections — Histories, Close-ups, Interfaces, and Reflections — it casts its gaze back across the past sixty years or so to recall, analyse, and assess the recent legacy of theatre and performance on this island. While offering information, overviews and reflections of current thought across its chapters, this book will serve most handily as food for thought and a springboard for curiosity. Offering something different in its mix of themes and perspectives, so that previously unexamined surfaces might come to light individually and in conjunction with other essays, it is a wide-ranging and indispensable resource in Irish theatre studies.

**The New York Times  
Theater Reviews 1997-1998**

- Times Times Books  
2001-01-02

This anthology examines Love's Labours Lost from a variety of perspectives and through a wide range of materials. Selections discuss the play in terms of historical context, dating, and sources; character analysis; comic elements and verbal conceits; evidence of authorship; performance analysis; and feminist interpretations. Alongside theater reviews, production photographs, and critical commentary, the volume also includes essays written by practicing theater artists who have worked on the play. An index by name, literary work, and concept rounds out this valuable resource.

*The Theatre of Martin  
McDonagh* - Lilian Chambers  
2006

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 whether for or against, this is an essential read for all who wish to enter the complex debate about the Theatre of Martin McDonagh.

McDonagh Plays: 1 - Martin McDonagh 1999

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*.

In Bruges - Martin McDonagh 2008-04-15

A jet-black comedy debut from Martin McDonagh.

*The Pillowman* - 2003

A delicious two-hander by Michael Puzo about strangers stranded in a hunting cabin. How they came to be there is hilariously doled out by Mr. Puzo along with thoughts about identity, the Internet and the liar in us all...as rewarding a trip off the beaten 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

Strange Fruit - Kathy A.

Perkins 1998

"These lynching dramas may not present the picture that America wants to see of itself, but these visions cannot be ignored because they are grounded—not only in the truth of white racism's toxic effect on our national existence but also in the truth that there exists a contesting, collective response that is part of an on-going and continually building momentum." —Theatre Journal "A unique, powerful collection worthy of high school and college classroom assignment and discussion." —Bookwatch This anthology is the first to address the impact of lynching on U.S. theater and culture. By focusing on women's unique view of lynching, this collection of plays reveals a social history of interracial cooperation between black and white women and an artistic tradition that continues to evolve through the work of African American women artists. Included are plays spanning the period 1916 to 1994 from playwrights such as Angelina

Weld Grimke, Georgia Douglas Johnson, Lillian Smith, and Michon Boston.

The Methuen Drama Guide to Contemporary Irish Playwrights - Martin Middeke  
2010-08-10

The Methuen Drama Guide to Contemporary Irish Playwrights is an authoritative guide to the work of twenty-five playwrights from the last 50 years whose work has helped to shape and define Irish theatre. Written by a team of international scholars, it provides an illuminating survey and analysis of each writer's plays and will be invaluable to anyone interested in, studying or teaching contemporary Irish drama. The playwrights examined range from John B. Keane, Brian Friel and Tom Murphy, to the crop of writers who emerged in the 1990s and who include Martin McDonagh, Marina Carr, Emma Donoghue and Mark O'Rowe. Each essay features: a biographical sketch and introduction to the playwright a discussion of their most important plays an analysis of their stylistic and

thematic traits, the critical reception and their place in the discourses of Irish theatre a bibliography of texts and critical material With a total of 190 plays discussed in detail, over half of which were written during the 1990s and 2000s, The Methuen Drama Guide to Contemporary Irish Playwrights is unrivalled in its study of recent plays and playwrights.

**Top Girls** - Caryl Churchill  
2018-02-22

Marlene thinks the eighties are going to be stupendous. Her sister Joyce has her doubts. Her daughter Angie is just frightened. Since its premiere in 1982, *Top Girls* has become a seminal play of the modern theatre. Set during a period of British politics dominated by the presence of the newly elected Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, Churchill's play prompts us to question our notions of women's success and solidarity. Its sharp look at the society and politics of the 1980s is combined with a timeless examination of women's choices and

restrictions regarding career and family. This new Student Edition features an introduction by Sophie Bush, Senior Lecturer at Sheffield Hallam University, UK prepared with the contemporary student in mind. METHUEN DRAMA STUDENT EDITIONS are expertly annotated texts of a wide range of plays from the modern and classic repertoires. As well as the complete text of the play itself, this volume contains: · A chronology of the play and the playwright's life and work · an introductory discussion of the social, political, cultural and economic context in which the play was originally conceived and created · a succinct overview of the creation processes followed and subsequent performance history of the piece · an analysis of, and commentary on, some of the major themes and specific issues addressed by the text · a bibliography of suggested primary and secondary materials for further study.

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**A Behanding in Spokane** - Martin McDonagh 2011  
THE STORY: In Martin McDonagh's first American-set play, Carmichael has been searching for his missing left hand for almost half a century. Enter two bickering lovebirds with a hand to sell, and a hotel clerk with an aversion to gunfire, and we're  
*Martin McDonagh* - Richard Rankin Russell 2007-11-15  
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 Vandevelde

*The Theatre and Films of Martin McDonagh* - Patrick

Lonergan 2014-12-16

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 Lanter, 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.

**The Lonesome West** - Martin McDonagh 2014-05-27

"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 the most 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. The Lonesome West was first presented as a Druid Theatre company and Royal Court co-production in the summer of 1997.

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**A Very Very Very Dark Matter** - Martin McDonagh  
2018-11-08

In a townhouse in Copenhagen works Hans Christian Andersen, a teller of exquisite and fantastic children's tales beloved by millions. But the true source of his stories dwells in his attic upstairs, her existence a dark secret kept from the outside world.

Dangerous, twisted and funny, Martin McDonagh's new play travels deep into the abysses of the imagination. *A Very Very Dark Matter* premiered at the Bridge Theatre, London, in October 2018.

**Oscar Wilde and Contemporary Irish Drama** -

Graham Price 2018-10-23  
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

**A Skull in Connemara** -  
Martin McDonagh 2014-07-10  
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.

Irish Theater in America - John P. Harrington 2009-02-28

For over 150 years, Irish playwrights, beginning with Dion Boucicault, have been celebrated by American audiences. However, Irish theater as represented on the American stage is a selective version of the national drama, and the underlying causes for Irish dramatic success in America illuminate the cultural state of both countries at specific historical moments.

Irish Theater in America is the first book devoted entirely to the long history of this transatlantic exchange. Born out of the conference of the Irish Theatrical Diaspora project, this collection gathers together leading American and Irish scholars, in addition to established theater critics.

Contributors explore the

history of Irish theater in America from Harrigan and Hart, through some of the greatest and most disappointing Irish tours of America, to the most contemporary productions of senior Irish playwrights such as Brian Friel and younger writers such as Martin McDonagh and Conor McPherson. Covering the complexity of the relationship between Irish theater and the United States, this volume goes beyond the expected analysis of plays to include examinations of company dynamics, analysis of audience reception, and reviews of production history of individual works. Contents include: Mick Moloney, "Harrigan, Hart, and Braham: Irish-America and the Birth of the American Musical" Nicholas Grene, "Faith Healer in New York and Dublin" Lucy McDiarmid, "The Abbey, Its 'Helpers,' and the Field of Cultural Production in 1913" Christina Hunt Mahony, "'The Irish Play': Beyond the Generic"

**The Wolves** - Sarah DeLappe

2018-07-17

One of the most-talked about new plays of the 2016 Off-Broadway season, Sarah DeLappe's *The Wolves* opened to enthusiastic acclaim, including two sold-out, extended runs at The Playwrights Realm/The Duke on 42nd Street. *The Wolves* follows the 9 teenage girls—members of an indoor soccer team—as they warm up, engage in banter and one-upmanship, and fight battles big and small with each other and themselves. As the teammates warm up in sync, a symphony of overlapping dialogue spills out their concerns, including menstruation (pads or tampons?), is Coach hung over?, eating disorders, sexual pressure, the new girl, and the Khmer Rouge (what it is, how to pronounce it, and do they need to know about it—"We don't do genocides 'til senior year.†?") By season's and play's end, amidst the wins and losses, rivalries and tragedies, they are warriors tested and ready—they are *The Wolves*.

**The Mammy** - Brendan O'Carroll 1999-05-01

"Mammy" is what Irish children call their mothers and *The Mammy* is Agnes Browne—a widow struggling to raise seven children in a North Dublin neighborhood in the 1960s. Popular Irish comedian Brendan O'Carroll chronicles the comic misadventures of this large and lively family with raw humor and great affection. Forced to be mother, father, and referee to her battling clan, the ever-resourceful Agnes Browne occasionally finds a spare moment to trade gossip and quips with her best pal Marion Monks (alias "The Kaiser") and even finds herself pursued by the amorous Frenchman who runs the local pizza parlor. Like the novels of Roddy Doyle, *The Mammy* features pitch-perfect dialogue, lightning wit, and a host of colorful characters. Earthy and exuberant, the novel brilliantly captures the brash energy and cheerful irreverence of working-class Irish life. Now a major motion picture starring Anjelica Huston

## **The Theatre and Films of Martin McDonagh** - Patrick Loneragan 2014-03-20

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 Loneragan 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 Laners 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.

## **Modern Drama: Plays of the '80s and '90s** - Caryl Churchill 2001

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

*The Beauty Queen of Jerusalem* - Sarit Yishai-Levi 2016-04-05  
Finalist for the Book Club category of the 2016 National Jewish Book Awards. The #1 International Best Seller, *The Beauty Queen of Jerusalem* is a dazzling novel of mothers and daughters, stories told and untold, and the ties that bind four generations of women. Gabriela's mother Luna is the most beautiful woman in all of Jerusalem, though her famed beauty and charm seem to be reserved for everyone but her

daughter. Ever since Gabriela can remember, she and Luna have struggled to connect. But when tragedy strikes, Gabriela senses there's more to her mother than painted nails and lips. Desperate to understand their relationship, Gabriela pieces together the stories of her family's previous generations—from Great-Grandmother Mercada the renowned healer, to Grandma Rosa who cleaned houses for the English, to Luna who had the nicest legs in Jerusalem. But as she uncovers shocking secrets, forbidden romances,

and the family curse that links the women together, Gabriela must face a past and present far more complex than she ever imagined. Set against the Golden Age of Hollywood, the dark days of World War II, and the swinging '70s, *The Beauty Queen of Jerusalem* follows generations of unforgettable women as they forge their own paths through times of dramatic change. With great humor and heart, Sarit Yishai-Levi has given us a powerful story of love and forgiveness—and the unexpected and enchanting places we find each.