

The Homecoming Harold Pinter

A Study Guide for Harold Pinter's "The Homecoming," excerpted from Gale's acclaimed Drama For Students. This concise study guide includes plot summary; character analysis; author biography; study questions; historical context; suggestions for further reading; and much more. For any literature project, trust Drama For Students for all of your research needs.

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Seminar paper from the year 2015 in the subject English Language and Literature Studies - Literature, grade: 2,0, , language: English, abstract: Pinter's plays are good examples for the theatre of the absurd, although Pinter himself probably would not have called them this way. He knew how to create his characters in such an absurd way, but also realistic at the same time that the audience was often left in astonishment and confusion. This paper will deal with the two Pinter plays "The Birthday Party" and "The Homecoming". These are outstanding plays, foremost concerning the female characters. Both plays include mainly male characters and one outstanding female one. There is a second female character in "The Birthday Party", but she only plays a minor role. It is interesting to see how Pinter contrasts the more or less strong female characters in otherwise all men plays. That is why this paper will pay special attention to the female characters. This paper will start by first giving an overview over the plays and short characterisations of the male characters. Furthermore, there will be a comparison between those two plays and in how far Pinter's plays may have developed. Continuing, I am going to focus on the female characters of the plays, Meg and Ruth. First, I will discuss the representation of women in the plays in general. Then, there will be a comparison between the two characters to see in how far their characteristics and their function in the plays differ.

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Two dramatic works explore the role played by fate in the lives of boarding house tenants

'An exultant night - a man in total command of his talent.' Observer 'The most intense expression of compressed violence to be found anywhere in Pinter's plays.' The Times When Teddy, a professor in an American university, brings his wife Ruth to visit his old home in London, he finds his family still living in the house. In the conflict that follows, it is Ruth who becomes the focus of the family's struggle for supremacy.

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A restaurant. Two curved banquettes. It's a celebration. Violent, wildly funny, Harold Pinter's new play displays a vivid zest for life. In The Room, Harold Pinter's first play, he reveals himself as already in full control of his unique ability to make dramatic poetry of the banalities of everyday speech and the precision with which it defines character. Harold Pinter's latest play, Celebration, and his first play, The Room directed by the author himself, premiered as a double-bill at London's Almeida Theatre in March 2000.

Dramatizes the conversation between an interrogator and his victims, a father, mother, and young son, and includes an interview with the playwright about the play's theme

A comprehensive study guide offering in-depth explanation, essay, and test prep for selected works by Harold Pinter, receiver of the New York Critics' Antoinette Perry Award for Best Broadway Drama in 1967. Titles in this study guide include *The Homecoming*, *The Comedies of Menace*, *The Birthday Party*, *The Dumb Waiter*, *A Slight Ache*, *The Caretaker*, *The Collection*, *The Lover*, and other minor works. As an author of mid-twentieth-century drama, Pinter wrote about physical and psychological threats to the status quo in his stories, creating an atmosphere that simultaneously moves the plot forward and involves the audience in its implications. Moreover, his work portrayed themes discussing communication, domination, and an individual's psychological needs. This Bright Notes Study Guide explores the context and history of Pinter's classic work, helping students to thoroughly explore the reasons they have stood the literary test of time. Each Bright Notes Study Guide contains: - Introductions to the Author and the Work - Character Summaries - Plot Guides - Section and Chapter Overviews - Test Essay and Study Q&As The Bright Notes Study Guide series offers an in-depth tour of more than 275 classic works of literature, exploring characters, critical commentary, historical background, plots, and themes. This set of study guides encourages readers to dig deeper in their understanding by including essay questions and answers as well as topics for further research

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

THE STORY: Furthering the theme of political consciousness expressed so forcefully and eloquently in his earlier play *One for the Road*, the author's present play takes place in an anonymous country where individual liberties have been forfeited to the state. Set in a prison where the inmates are forbidden to speak their own language, the play is comprised of four terse, arresting scenes which make masterful use of nuance and subtle understatement (with sudden bursts of violence) to create an overwhelming sense of terror and shocking futility. In one scene uniformed officers taunt and belittle the women who have come to visit their men, who are political prisoners; in another a mother and son are allowed to speak only in the language of the capital, which they do not know; in the third scene a young woman accidentally sees a guard holding a limp, tortured man whom she knows to be her husband; and, in the final scene the old woman reunited with her bloody, trembling son and, though told she may now speak, she has been silenced so long that she cannot, or will not, do so. Quintessentially Pinteresque in its skillful use of pregnant pauses, resonant images and nightmarish utterances, the play is both enthralling theatre and a stirring reminder of what can happen when the power of the state becomes all-encompassing and the rights of the individual are forfeited, whether through neglect or weakness of will.

THE STORY: The scene is a government institution, possibly mental or medical and presumably penal, where the inmates are kept behind locked gates and are referred to by number rather than name. In charge is Roote, a pompous ex-colonel who is surely

First published in 1983, *Harold Pinter* is an original study into the work of one of Britain's foremost dramatists. The book celebrates Pinter's elusiveness as a writer. It considers his position as a specifically contemporary writer of the post-modernist tradition, and explores his use of language as a sophisticated means of non-communication, acting as a smokescreen behind which his characters lie. The book presents the language games used by Pinter according to their strategic importance, beginning with his earlier works and suggesting a chronological progression. It also discusses Pinter's later developments, such as the screenplay for *The French Lieutenant's Woman*. *Harold Pinter* is ideal for anyone with an interest in the work and literary techniques of contemporary writers and dramatists.

A middle-aged couple entertain a friend they have not seen for two decades in Pinter's play first presented in London's West End in June, 1971

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: 39. 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...

Max persuades his American daughter-in-law to serve as a prostitute in his North London bachelor household

Updated edition of this popular Companion examining the wide range of Pinter's work, and his continuing impact and influence.

THE STORY: In a dark space you can't measure, a once visceral father lies on his deathbed, looking over his life, his youth, loves, lusts and betrayals of his wife. At the same time, in another bedroom, somewhere in the same space, the man's two so

Presents selections of the work of playwright Harold Pinter. Includes key plays, poetry, and the 2005 Nobel Prize in Literature lecture.

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