

### Thrust Stage Facts

This collection of essays explores the intersections between theater as text, theater as performance, and theater as pedagogy. The theory of performance and the practice of theater as it can be done, taught, and conceptualized in academia bring together these three different paths, in a volume that can be equally useful to theater practitioners, to teachers of dramatic texts, and to students, scholars, and teachers of theater seen both as literature and as practice.

(Applause Books). *Curtain Times* is a uniquely comprehensive, uniquely detailed and uniquely contemporaneous history of the New York theater in the seasons from 1964-65 up to 1987. This is a collection of more than two decades of annual critical surveys (originally published in the *Best Plays* series of yearbooks) in a single volume. Each of these surveys is a report and criticism of a whole New York theater season: its hits and misses onstage and off, its esthetic innards. Each is a comprehensive overview which takes in every play, musical, specialty and revival, foreign and domestic, produced on and off Broadway during the theater season. Hardcover.

Focused on the contemporary Anglophone adoption from the 1960s onwards, *Beyond Scenography* explores the porous state of contemporary theatre-making to argue a critical distinction between scenography (as a crafting of place orientation) and scenographics (that which orientate acts of worlding, of staging). With sections on installation art and gardening as well as marketing and placemaking, this book is an argument for what scenography does: how assemblages of scenographic traits orientate, situate, and shape staged events. Established stage orthodoxies are revisited - including the symbiosis of stage and scene and the aesthetic ideology of 'the scenic' - to propose how scenographics are formative to all staged events. Consequently, one of the conclusions of this book is that there is no theatre practice without scenography, no stages without scenographics. *Beyond Scenography* offers a manifesto for a renewed theory of scenographic practice.

Within the space of a year, between 1995 and 1996, three highly unusual shows were produced by three celebrated figures in world theatre: *Qui Est La*, directed by Peter Brook, *Elsinore*, directed by Robert Lepage, and *Hamlet: a monologue*, directed by Robert Wilson. Each was a version-at least in part-of Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, although none of them treated the show in anything like an orthodox manner.

Under an alphabetical list of relevant terms, names and concepts, the book reviews current knowledge of the character and operation of theatres in Shakespeare's time, with an explanation of their origins>

*Stage Manager: The Professional Experience—Refreshed* takes the reader on a journey through all aspects of the craft of stage management in theatre, including the technological advancements that have come to theatre and the stage manager's job.

Chapters are laid out to reflect the order in which stage managers experience and perform their work: what makes a good stage manager, seeking the job, building a resume, interviewing for the job, and getting the job (or not getting the job). Included are chapters on the chain of command, working relationships, tool and supplies, creating charts, plots, plans and lists, the rehearsal

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period, creating the prompt book, calling cues, and the run of the show. These are just some of the many topics covered in this book. In addition, the author uses interviews with stage management professionals in various stages of production, providing another view of how the stage manager is perceived and what is expected from the work of the stage manager. Fifteen years after the original publication of *Stage Manager: The Professional Experience*, this new and refreshed edition is now in color to help clarify and illustrate points in the text. It is fully updated to reflect the world of computerized technology: smart phones, thinly designed laptops, tablets, use of email and text messaging, storing and sharing files and information in cloud-based apps. Then there are the innovations of automation—electronically moving scenery, scenic projections—casting images and patterns on the stage; moving lights; LED luminaires; lasers; and greater use of fog and haze machines. In addition, the extensive glossary of more than 600 terms and phrases had been extended to well over 700, providing an excellent professional vocabulary for anyone hoping to be a theatre stage manager or already working in the field.

Forsthoffer's *Proven Guidelines for Rotating Machinery Excellence* draws on Forsthoffer's 60 years of industry experience to get new operatives up to speed fast. Each of the topics covered are selected based on hard-won knowledge of where problems with rotating machinery originate. This easy to use, highly-illustrated book is designed to elevate the competence of entry level personnel to enable them to immediately contribute to providing optimum rotating machinery reliability for their companies. The first 3 chapters address practical personal rotating machinery awareness, detail how to optimize this awareness to identify "low hanging fruit" safety and reliability improvement opportunities and how to define and implement a cost-effective action plan. The remaining chapters focus on the function of key components in each type of rotating machinery and how to monitor and correct their condition before failure. The last chapter is an RCA (Root Cause Analysis) procedure chapter detailing effective Root Cause Identification before a Failure to prevent a costly failure and the need for a RCFA. Real-life examples are provided from the field of operation and maintenance of rotating machinery, helping readers to implement effectively. Includes important advice on monitoring approaches for different types of machines, highlighting differences between working with pumps and compressors. A chapter on Root Cause Identification features proven methods to help your organization to prevent machinery failures. Features twelve essays that explore the relationships between Shakespearean pedagogy, performance, and scholarship. This volume consists of four sections, entitled *Acts of Recovery*; *Performing the Moment*; *Recordings*; and *Extensions and Explorations*.

*New Theatre Quarterly* provides an international forum where theatrical scholarship and practice can meet, and where prevailing dramatic assumptions can be subjected to vigorous critical questioning.

Describes methods for planning, publicizing, and conducting a variety of campaigns to raise money for nonprofit

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organizations and discusses how to obtain grants from foundations

Ranging from ancient Greek tragedies to the latest developments in London, Paris, New York, and around the globe, *The Oxford Companion to Theatre and Performance* provides an all-embracing approach that encompasses drama and musical, opera and film, dance and radio, and non-dramatic performances including circuses, carnivals, and parades. Based on the celebrated two-volume *Oxford Encyclopedia of Theatre and Performance*, this compact, affordable Companion features more than 2,000 up-to-date entries, covering styles and movements, buildings, organizations, regions, and traditions--with a particularly strong focus on biographies of actors, playwrights, directors, designers, and critics. Editor Dennis Kennedy has significantly updated the timeline of historical and cultural events in the world of theatre and performance, and he has added an appendix of useful weblinks, which are supported and accessible through a companion website. Finally, the book includes many new entries that cover the people and companies who have come into prominence since the publication of the *Encyclopedia*.

*The Oxford Handbook of Canadian Literature* provides a broad-ranging introduction to some of the key critical fields, genres, and periods in Canadian literary studies. The essays in this volume, written by prominent theorists in the field, reflect the plurality of critical perspectives, regional and historical specializations, and theoretical positions that constitute the field of Canadian literary criticism across a range of genres and historical periods. The volume provides a dynamic introduction to current areas of critical interest, including (1) attention to the links between the literary and the public sphere, encompassing such topics as neoliberalism, trauma and memory, citizenship, material culture, literary prizes, disability studies, literature and history, digital cultures, globalization studies, and environmentalism or ecocriticism; (2) interest in Indigenous literatures and settler-Indigenous relations; (3) attention to multiple diasporic and postcolonial contexts within Canada; (4) interest in the institutionalization of Canadian literature as a discipline; (5) a turn towards book history and literary history, with a renewed interest in early Canadian literature; (6) a growing interest in articulating the affective character of the "literary" - including an interest in affect theory, mourning, melancholy, haunting, memory, and autobiography. The book represents a diverse array of interests -- from the revival of early Canadian writing, to the continued interest in Indigenous, regional, and diasporic traditions, to more recent discussions of globalization, market forces, and neoliberalism. It includes a distinct section dedicated to Indigenous literatures and traditions, as well as a section that reflects on the discipline of Canadian literature as a whole.

*Friends Fun Facts: 3000 Little-Known Facts About the Show* is written by an authoritative expert who penned the most comprehensive reference book ever written on the series—*Friends: The Complete Story from Concept to Epilogue*. The follow-up effort, *Friends Secrets*, is the best source for insider facts and never-before-revealed tidbits about the sitcom

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that industry experts have voted the Greatest TV Series of All Time. This type of thoroughness cannot be found anywhere else in the entire Friends Universe. The first section provides insider information about the creators, cast regulars, supporting actors, and guest actors as well as cast stand-ins, crew members, scene extras, and even famous actors who auditioned for roles in the immensely popular show. The second section discusses little-known facts about the series, including behind-the-scenes activities, casting decisions, notable directors, secrets behind writing episodes, and so much more. The final section recounts numerous secrets behind the making of Friends. Every episode has a history and many contain a few skeletons in the closet. The little-known facts encompass the inspirations for episode plots, how personal experiences influenced storylines, when actors ad-libbed lines, how scenes developed and evolved, the way actors and guest stars impacted the creative process, and even the "lost" episode that was written but never filmed. There are over 3000 fun facts about the show that are sure to amaze and mystify the most die-hard and inquisitive Friends fan. Friends Secrets is an essential book for every fan of the show. It is a great conversation starter and readers are guaranteed to impress friends and family with nuggets of insider information that most Friends fans do not know. Photos included, 299 pages paperback.

The Five Continents of Theatre undertakes the exploration of the material culture of the actor, which involves the actors' pragmatic relations and technical functionality, their behaviour, the norms and conventions that interact with those of the audience and the society in which actors and spectators equally take part.

Drama. Literary Nonfiction. Literary Criticism. **READING THE UNSEEN: (OFFSTAGE) HAMLET** is about the presence and significance of offstage action in Hamlet, things we hear about in words but do not see performed physically onstage--things like King Hamlet's murder "while [he] was sleeping in [his] orchard," Ophelia's death in "the glassy stream," Hamlet's visit to Ophelia's "closet ... with his doublet all unbraced," Gertrude and Claudius having sex "in the rank sweat of an enseamed bed." In a series of brilliantly original "close readings," Ratcliffe examines how it is that passages such as these make physically absent things verbally "present," how they "show" us things we do not actually see, how they bring us face to face with the "Words, words, words" that are what Hamlet is, he argues, most of all about. This is a guide to the process of planning, designing, producing and evaluating exhibitions for museums. Subjects range from traditional displays of art, artifacts and specimens from the permanent collection to the latest developments in virtual reality, online exhibitions, and big-screen reality.

This is an informative and interesting guide to the comedies of love - The Two Gentlemen of Verona, The Taming of the Shrew, Love's Labour's Lost, A Midsummer Nights Dream, Much Ado About Nothing, As You Like it and Twelfth Night - which were written in the early part of Shakespeare's career. As well as supplying dramatic and critical analysis, this

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study sets the plays within their wider social and artistic context. Michael Mangan begins by considering the social function of laughter, the use of humour in drama for handling social tensions in Elizabethan and Jacobean society and the resulting expectations the audience would have had about comedy in the theatre. In the second section he discusses the individual plays in the light of recent critical and theoretical research. The useful reference section at the end gives the reader a short bibliographic guide to key historical figures relevant to a study of Shakespeare's comedies and a detailed critical bibliography.

This cutting-edge title explores how narrating the past both conflicts and creates an interesting relationship with drama's 'continuing present' that arcs towards an unpredictable future. Theatre both brings the past alive and also fixes it, but through the performance process, allowing the past to be molded for future (not-yet-existent) audiences.

This pupil's book is part of a Key Stage 3 English scheme that reflects National Literacy Strategy priorities by spanning both non-fiction and fiction text-types in twin student books. Each student text provides 18 sections of themed stimulus texts plus differentiated activities at word, sentence and text levels meeting the requirements of the English Framework. They have a rigorous approach to developing writing skills that follows a consistent pattern in order to provide both continuity with and progression from Key Stage 2. They have suggestions for National Literacy Strategy - recommended lesson structures are provided in a separate teacher's guide. Extra support for students struggling to reach Level 4 is provided in a separate copymaster resource book, as well as assessment materials modelled on the end-of-year tests.

Differentiated extension work is provided at the end of each unit giving a choice of writing tasks, centred on the unit theme, enabling students to revise earlier writing styles.

Did you know a compost heap generates as much energy as the Sun? Or that dung beetles use the Milky Way to navigate? Maybe you have not been into space but if you have then you will know that astronauts have feet as soft as babies! 101 Facts You Didn't Know About Space takes you on a wild journey around the Universe bringing you facts galore. Whether you are a space enthusiast or a newcomer you will find plenty of facts in here to keep you amused and entertained.

The theatre director is one of the most critical roles in a successful drama company, yet there are no formal qualifications required for entry into this profession. This practical guide for emerging theatre directors answers all the key questions from the very beginning of your career to key stages as you establish your credentials and get professionally recognized. It analyzes the director's role through relationships with the actors, author, designer, production manager and creative teams and provides vital advice for "on-the-job" situations where professional experience is invaluable. The book also provides an overview of the many approaches to acting methodology without focusing on any in particular to allow the director to develop their own unique methods of working with any actor's style. Each chapter includes these key features: \* Introduces important theories, identifies practitioners and provides key reading to provide an overview of historic and current practice. \* Interviews with leading practitioners and emerging directors. \* Suggested exercises to develop the director's own approach and practical skills.

Gathers little known facts about theater history, actors, actresses, plays, playwrights, musicals, comedians, theater companies and directors, and critics

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"Reading Shakespeare on Stage offers a straightforward set of criteria whereby anyone, from the first-time playgoer to the most experienced Shakespearean scholar, may evaluate his or her response to a production of one of Shakespeare's scripts. This articulation of response is not a by-product of going to the theater, but a central part of the experience. The "invitation to response" is a function of Shakespeare's stage, which was open to the audience on three sides, and is incorporated into his scripts through soliloquies, asides, and references to Shakespeare's stage and his dramaturgy." "The concept of "script" (as opposed to "text") makes possible an approach to Shakespeare's plays as plays, a function to which their literary quality is subordinate. That fact, however, does not mean that recent critical tendencies are irrelevant to the scripts. Feminist and historicist readings of the plays are "contextualized" in and by the ongoing energy system of production. It remains true, however, that many members of the growing audience for live performances can not determine what may have been strong or weak about a given production. The size and shape of the stage and the size of the auditorium, for example, define what can occur within the given space, but few spectators take that crucial factor into account. Reading Shakespeare on Stage provides the criteria for evaluation, while at the same time admitting that the criteria themselves are subject to debate and that their application emerges from the subjective psychology of perception of individual spectators."--BOOK JACKET.Title Summary field provided by Blackwell North America, Inc. All Rights Reserved

The first fifty volumes of this yearbook of Shakespeare studies are being reissued in paperback.

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The Oxford Companion to Shakespeare is the most comprehensive reference work available on Shakespeare's life, times, works, and his 400-year global legacy. In addition to the authoritative A-Z entries, it includes nearly 100 illustrations, a chronology, a guide to further reading, a thematic contents list, and special feature entries on each of Shakespeare's works. Tying in with the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death, this much-loved Companion has been revised and updated, reflecting developments and discoveries made in recent years and to cover the performance, interpretation, and the influence of Shakespeare's works up to the present day. First published in 2001, the online edition was revised in 2011, with updates to over 200 entries plus 16 new entries. These online updates appear in print for the first time in this second edition, along with a further 35,000 new and revised words. These include more than 80 new entries, ranging from important performers, directors, and scholars (such as Lucy Bailey, Samuel West, and Alfredo Michel Modenessi), to topics as diverse as Shakespeare in the digital age and the ubiquity of plants in Shakespeare's works, to the interpretation of Shakespeare globally, from Finland to Iraq. To make information on Shakespeare's major works easier to find, the feature entries have been grouped and placed in a centre section (fully cross-referenced from the A-Z). The thematic listing of entries - described in the press as 'an invaluable panorama of the contents' - has been updated to include all of the new entries. This edition contains a preface written by much-lauded Shakespearian actor Simon Russell Beale. Full of both entertaining trivia and scholarly detail, this authoritative Companion will delight the browser and reward students, academics, as well as anyone wanting to know more about Shakespeare.

This encyclopedia contains more than 1500 detailed entries covering such topics as equipment, methods, concepts, design process, electricity, characteristics of light, and lightboard operations. Where applicable, entries present both the historical and current significance of the apparatus or concept being described. Entries are extensively cross-referenced, and many include line drawings and samples of lighting paperwork.

In recent years, the 'Popular Shakespeare' phenomenon has become ever more pervasive: in fringe productions, mainstream theatre, or the

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mass media, Shakespeare is increasingly constructed as an authentic part of popular culture. A vivid account of Shakespeare in performance since the 1990s, this book examines what 'Shakespeare' means to us today.

An alphabetical dictionary containing over 1,500 entries on topics dealing with space, space flight, and space technology.

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