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Second Dance Cambridge University Press

Set within the netherworld of thoroughbred racing, this hair-raisingly funny new play by the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *True West* explores the classical themes of memory, loyalty, and restitution. *Simpatico* launches readers into regions where high society meets the low life, and where, as one of the main characters observes, "someone is cutting someone else's throat."

Script and SM File Knopf Books for Young Readers

The theatre of Richard Maxwell and the New York City Players has received significant international recognition over the past ten years. The company has received three OBIEs, for *House* (1999), *Drummer Wanted* (2002) and *Good Samaritans* (2005). Maxwell received a Guggenheim Fellowship in 2010 and has been commissioned by venues in the United States, the United Kingdom, Germany, Austria, the Netherlands, France, Belgium and Ireland. Although his productions generate a plethora of reviews, there is a deficit of material providing a critical and sustained engagement with his work. The aim of this book is to provide a critical survey of Maxwell's work since 1992, including his early participation in Cook County Theater Department. Touching upon the acting, production and rehearsal processes of NYC Player's work, and Maxwell's representations of space, community, race, and gender, this volume provides scholars with an important overview of a key figure in contemporary drama.

New York Magazine John Wiley & Sons

*Rereading Shepard* draws together 13 original theoretical perspectives on one of America's most important contemporary playwrights. Representing a range of critical approaches - including semiotics, deconstruction, and feminism - the essays address recent debates emerging in Shepard criticism. These include the status of Shepard's texts within the modernist tradition on the one hand and a developing post-modernism on the other, and the feminist debate over Shepard's drama - does it reinforce a masculinist world or does it provide some oppositional stance toward patriarchal 'master narratives'?

University of Pennsylvania Press

Explores the emotional responses of audiences to neurodiverse characters and non-human animals on stage to question the boundaries of the human

The Theatre of Richard Maxwell and the New York City Players

*Curse of the Starving Class* Script and SM File  
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 The setting is a farmhouse in the American West, inhabited by a family who has enough to eat but not enough to satisfy the other hungers that bedevil them. The father is a drunk; the mother a frowzy slattern; the daughter precocious

beyond her years; and the son a deranged idealist. As the family decides to sell the house to raise money, the mother talks of running off to Europe or Mexico; the father sobers up and tries to take control; the daughter is blown up in the family car; and the son is left brutalized and bloodied. In the end the characters become a metaphor for the underside of American life—benighted innocents pursuing a dream that remains beyond their reach.  
*Curse of the Starving Class* A Play in Three Acts  
 Playwrights in Rehearsal is an inside look at the writer's role in the creative process of bringing his or her words to life on stage. Susan Letzler Cole, granted rare access to some of the major playwrights of our time, recounts her participation in rehearsal with Arthur Miller, Sam Shepard, Tony Kushner and Suzan-Lori Parks, and others.

**Feeling Around the Edges of the Human in Performance**  
 Bobcat Books

These issues consist of the edited Proceedings of the Shepard conference, organized by the Belgian-Luxembourg American Studies Association and the Free University of Brussels (VUB), which took place in Brussels, 28-30 May 1993. It will be of interest to undergraduates and postgraduates, professors, critics, theater practitioners, writers and those with a keen interest in the fields of literature, theater studies and cultural studies.

Critical Survey of Drama: Jules Romains - William Trevor

Dramatists Play Service Inc

THE STORY: The scene is a stark motel room at the edge of the Mojave Desert. May, a disheveled young woman, sits dejectedly on a rumpled bed while Eddie, a rough-spoken rodeo performer, crouches in a corner fiddling with his riding gear. When he at *Ages of the Moon* Salem Press Inc

"Exploring the theatre from the 1960s to the present, Robert J. Andreach shows the various ways in which the contemporary American theatre creates a personal, theatrical, and national self." "Andreach argues that the contemporary American theatre creates multiple selves that reflect and give voice to the many communities within our multicultural society. These selves are fragmented and enclaved, however, which makes necessary a counter movement that seeks, through interaction among the various parts, to heal the divisions within, between, and among them." --Book Jacket.

**Creating the Self in the Contemporary American Theatre**  
 Bloomsbury Publishing

Growing out of a series of articles written over a 15 year period, and illustrated with over 100 photos, this volume offers a narrowed focus examination of various performing traditions that rely on the expressive power and imagination of masks. It explores the redefinition of self into "other," when the mask is worn, and examines actors and their performances in Papua New Guinea, Orissa, India, and Bali.

**A Chronicle of Comedy and Drama, 1969-2000** Peter Lang (Applause Books). Compiled by Mel Gussow, this collection of sideshow American and international theatre includes: *Deeply American Roots* (Sam Shepard) \* *The Man Who Made Theatre Ridiculous* (Charles Ludlam) \* *From the City Streets, a Poet of the Stage* (Miguel Pinero) \* *The Clark Kent of Modern Theatre* (Robert Wilson) \* *Speaks the Language of Illusion* (Martha Clarke) \* *The Lonely World of Displaced Persons* (Lanford Wilson) \* *A Virtuoso Who Specializes in Everything* (Michael Gambon) \* *Actress, Clown, and Social Critic* (Whoopi Goldberg) \* *Comedy, Tragedy and Mystical Fantasy* (Peter Brook) \* *Celebrating the Fallen World* (Richard Foreman).

Heartless Routledge

A Study Guide for Sam Shepard's "Curse of the Starving Class," 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.

**Simpatico** Vintage

Volume Four of the distinguished *American Theatre: A Chronicle of Comedy and Drama* series offers a thorough, candid, and fascinating look at the theater in New York during the last decades of the twentieth century.

*Three Plays* Cambridge University Press

*Understanding Sam Shepard* investigates the notoriously complex and confusing dramatic world of Sam Shepard, one of America's most prolific, thoughtful, and challenging contemporary playwrights. During his nearly fifty-year career as a writer, actor, director, and producer, Shepard has consistently focused his work on the ever-changing American cultural landscape. James A. Crank's comprehensive study of Shepard offers scholars and students of the dramatist a means of understanding Shepard's frequent experimentation with language, setting, characters, and theme. Beginning with a brief biography of Shepard, Crank shows how experiences in Shepard's life eventually resonate in his work by exploring the major themes, unique style, and history of Shepard's productions. Focusing first on Shepard's early plays, which showcase highly experimental, frenetic explorations of fractured worlds, Crank discusses how the techniques from these works evolve and translate into the major works in his "family trilogy": *Curse of the Starving Class*, the Pulitzer Prize-winning *Buried Child*, and *True West*. Shepard often uses elements from his past—his relationship with his father, his struggle for control within the family, and the breakdown of the suburban American dream—as major starting points in his plays. Shepard is a recipient of a Pulitzer Prize for Drama, eleven Obie Awards, and a Chicago Tribune Literary Prize for Lifetime Achievement. Augmented with an extensive bibliography, *Understanding Sam*

Shepard is an ideal point of entrance into complex and compelling dramas of this acclaimed playwright.

American Buffalo Univ of South Carolina Press

Few American playwrights have exerted as much influence on the contemporary stage as Sam Shepard. His plays are performed on and off Broadway and in all the major regional American theatres.

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*A Lie of the Mind* Gale, Cengage Learning

A gruff, affecting and funny play by Sam Shepard. Byron and Ames are old friends, reunited by mutual desperation. Over bourbon on ice, they sit, reflect and bicker until fifty years of love, friendship and rivalry are put to the test at the barrel of a gun.

Paradigms and Presences in Modern Drama Dramatists Play Service, Inc.

First Published in 1996. Part of a series of 'Studies in Modern Drama', Volume 7 This volume Studies in Modern Drama collects essays on contemporary theatre which reveal the changing face of the world, as well as challenges to the boundaries of traditional stage production. Authors examine familiar texts in new settings, discovering what editor Judy Lee Oliva calls "the effect of cultural-specific gestures, stances and the nuance of words," so that audiences and critics are forced to recognize stereotypes and re-evaluate older critical methods. Topics range from directing gay and working-class theatre in Scotland to producing American and British drama in Holland, Belgium, and Poland. New voices in the theatre are heard, and old ones are put to new tests. What remains is the power of performance to inspire emotional and intellectual response. Writers, directors, costume designers,

producers, and critics provide an uncommon range of perspectives to the changing roles of theatre in an increasingly global community.

**A Study Guide for Sam Shepard's "Curse of the Starving Class"** Grove/Atlantic, Inc.

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Mirrors of Our Playing Vintage

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