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Based on a classic farce, *Play at the Castle* by Ferenc Molnar, *Rough Crossing* takes place on shipboard as two playwrights struggle to finish a musical comedy and rehearse it before docking in New York in *On the Razzle*, adapted from *Einen Jux will er sich machen* by Johann Nestroy, two shop assistants live it up while dodging their employer in the restaurants and nightspots of Nestroy's nineteenth-century Vienna. Both words and action reveal Tom Stoppard as a master of comic technique.

Beyond Archigram is the first study of the prehistory of digital representation to focus on the magazine *Archigram*, the magazine published in London irregularly between 1961 and 1970 and the name of the group that created it. *Archigram* is among the most significant phenomena to emerge in post-war architectural culture. The wired environments first advertised on its pages formulated an architectural vocabulary of metamorphosis and obsolescence that cross-pollinated industrial and digital technology at the same time as complex systems were becoming commercially available. Through archival, theoretical and visual analysis, Hadas Steiner explores the process through which this model was envisaged and disseminated within an international network of practitioners and shows how the assimilation of *Archigram* imagery set the course for the visual output of what are now commonplace tools in architectural practice. This book will provide a foundation for further inquiry into the integration of digital technology at every level of design.

Published to accompany the *Collaborators* exhibition, the catalogue of *Design for Performance* is a celebration of the richness and diversity of work made between 2003 - 2007 by designers born or based in the UK. Opera, dance, drama, performance/installations and the design of theatre space are included here and accompanied by five essays written by, or from interviews with, notable British designers in which they reflect on their own collaborative process.

Describes the events and advances of *Knowledge* in 1994. Also includes *Britannica* update, major revisions from the 1995 *Macropædia*. The National Theatre on London's South Bank opened in 1976. Since then nearly 500 productions have been rehearsed there and those rehearsals have been recorded by some of the world's leading theatre photographers. The photographs in this book, drawn from the NT's Archive, show the extraordinary breadth of the work and most are accompanied by something that was said at the time, by or about one of the participants. The book also includes a complete record of all the productions staged by the NT in the first 25 years in its permanent home. Covers some of the most studied and most popular writers in British literature. Authors covered include Jane Austen, Chaucer, Dickens, T. S. Eliot, Tom Stoppard, Oscar Wilde and others.

April, 1984. Winston Smith thinks a thought, starts a diary, and falls in love. But Big Brother is watching him, and the door to Room 101 can swing open in the blink of an eye. Its ideas have become our ideas, and Orwell's fiction is often said to be our reality. The definitive book of the 20th century is re-examined in a radical new adaptation exploring why Orwell's vision of the future is as relevant as ever.

Above all don't use the word good as though it meant something in evolutionary science. *The Hard Problem* is a tour de force, exploring fundamental questions of how we experience the world, as well as telling the moving story of a young woman whose struggle for understanding her own life and the lives of others leads her to question the deeply held beliefs of those around her. Hilary, a young psychology researcher at the Krohl Institute for Brain Science, is nursing a private sorrow and a troubling question.

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She and other researchers at the institute are grappling with what science calls the “hard problem”—if there is nothing but matter, what is consciousness? What Hilary discovers puts her fundamentally at odds with her colleagues, who include her first mentor and one-time lover, Spike; her boss, Leo; and the billionaire founder of the institute, Jerry. Hilary needs a miracle, and she is prepared to pray for one.

One of our most brilliant biographers takes on one of our greatest living playwrights, drawing on a wealth of new materials and on many conversations with him. One of our most brilliant biographers takes on one of our greatest living playwrights, drawing on a wealth of new materials and on many conversations with him Tom Stoppard is a towering and beloved literary figure. Known for his dizzying narrative inventiveness and intense attention to language, he deftly deploys art, science, history, politics, and philosophy in works that span a remarkable spectrum of literary genres: theater, radio, film, TV, journalism, and fiction. His most acclaimed creations--Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead, The Real Thing, Arcadia, The Coast of Utopia, Shakespeare in Love--remain as fresh and moving as when they entranced their first audiences. Born in Czechoslovakia, Stoppard escaped the Nazis with his mother and spent his early years in Singapore and India before arriving in England at age eight. Skipping university, he embarked on a brilliant career, becoming close friends over the years with an astonishing array of writers, actors, directors, musicians, and political figures, from Peter O'Toole, Harold Pinter, and Stephen Spielberg to Mick Jagger and Václav Havel. Having long described himself as a "bounced Czech," Stoppard only learned late in life of his mother's Jewish family and of the relatives he lost to the Holocaust. Lee's absorbing biography seamlessly weaves Stoppard's life and work together into a vivid, insightful, and always riveting portrait of a remarkable man.

From the bestselling author of the acclaimed Chaos and Genius comes a thoughtful and provocative exploration of the big ideas of the modern era: Information, communication, and information theory. Acclaimed science writer James Gleick presents an eye-opening vision of how our relationship to information has transformed the very nature of human consciousness. A fascinating intellectual journey through the history of communication and information, from the language of Africa's talking drums to the invention of written alphabets; from the electronic transmission of code to the origins of information theory, into the new information age and the current deluge of news, tweets, images, and blogs. Along the way, Gleick profiles key innovators, including Charles Babbage, Ada Lovelace, Samuel Morse, and Claude Shannon, and reveals how our understanding of information is transforming not only how we look at the world, but how we live. A New York Times Notable Book A Los Angeles Times and Cleveland Plain Dealer Best Book of the Year Winner of the PEN/E. O. Wilson Literary Science Writing Award

Playing for time explores connections between theatre time, the historical moment and fictional time. Geraldine Cousin persuasively argues that a crucial characteristic of contemporary British theatre is its preoccupation with instability and danger, and traces images of catastrophe and loss in a wide range of recent plays and productions. The diversity of the texts that are examined is a major strength of the book. In addition to plays by contemporary dramatists, Cousin analyses staged adaptations of novels, and productions of plays by Euripides, Strindberg and Priestley. A key focus is Stephen Daldry's award-winning revival of

Priestley's *An Inspector Calls*, which is discussed in relation both to other Priestley 'time' plays and to Caryl Churchill's apocalyptic *Far Away*. Lost children are a recurring motif: Bryony Lavery's *Frozen*, for example, is explored in the context of the Soham murders (which took place while the play was in production at the National Theatre), whilst three virtually simultaneous productions of Euripides' *Hecuba* are interpreted with regard to the Beslan massacre of schoolchildren.

An irresistible comedy with thrills and derring do set in the news room. Hildy wants to break away from journalism and go on a belated honeymoon. There is a jailbreak and into Hildy's hands falls the escapee as hostage. He conceals his prize in a rolltop desk and phones his scoop to his managing editor. Their job is to prevent other reporters and the sheriff from opening the desk and finding their story. Some hoodlums are enlisted to remove the desk, but they get mixed up with a Boy Scout troop and the mayor and a cleaning woman, among others. It's a whirlwind wrap up with Hildy finally making his breakaway, but the cynical managing editor has him arrested before he leaves town for having stolen a watch he planted on Hildy.

An authoritative resource offering concise profiles of more than ten thousand of the world's most important people features information on individuals from ancient times to the present day and representing a wide range of fields of endeavor, furnishing details on birth and death dates, full name, nationality, occupation, and accomplishments, as well as thousands of cross references and brief quotations.

WINNER OF A NATIONAL JEWISH BOOK AWARD A USA TODAY BESTSELLER "A gifted writer, astonishingly adept at nuance, narration, and the politics of passion."—Toni Morrison Set in London of the 1660s and of the early twenty-first century, *The Weight of Ink* is the interwoven tale of two women of remarkable intellect: Ester Velasquez, an emigrant from Amsterdam who is permitted to scribe for a blind rabbi, just before the plague hits the city; and Helen Watt, an ailing historian with a love of Jewish history. When Helen is summoned by a former student to view a cache of newly discovered seventeenth-century Jewish documents, she enlists the help of Aaron Levy, an American graduate student as impatient as he is charming, and embarks on one last project: to determine the identity of the documents' scribe, the elusive "Aleph." Electrifying and ambitious, *The Weight of Ink* is about women separated by centuries—and the choices and sacrifices they must make in order to reconcile the life of the heart and mind.

Acclaimed as a modern dramatic masterpiece, *Rosencrantz & Guildenstern are Dead* is the fabulously inventive tale of Hamlet as told from the worm's-eye view of the bewildered Rosencrantz and Guildenstern, two minor characters in Shakespeare's play. In Tom Stoppard's best-known work, this Shakespearean Laurel and Hardy finally get a chance to take the lead role, but do so in a world where echoes of *Waiting for Godot* resound, where reality and illusion intermix, and where fate leads our two heroes to a tragic but inevitable end. Tom Stoppard was catapulted into the front ranks of modern playwrights overnight when *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead* opened in London in 1967. Its subsequent run in New York brought it the same enthusiastic acclaim, and the play has since been performed numerous times in the major theatrical centers of the world. It has won top honors for play and playwright in a poll of London Theater critics, and in its printed form it was chosen one of the "Notable Books of 1967" by the American Library Association.

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Revised version of the author's 1963 television play, *A walk on the water*.

Winner of the STR Theatre Book Prize 2014 *The National Theatre Story* is filled with artistic, financial and political battles, onstage triumphs – and the occasional disaster. This definitive account takes readers from the National Theatre's 19th-century origins, through false dawns in the early 1900s, and on to its hard-fought inauguration in 1963. At the Old Vic, Laurence Olivier was for ten years the inspirational Director of the NT Company, before Peter Hall took over and, in 1976, led the move into the National's concrete home on the South Bank. Altogether, the NT has staged more than 800 productions, premiering some of the 20th and 21st centuries' most popular and controversial plays, including *Amadeus*, *The Romans in Britain*, *Closer*, *The History Boys*, *War Horse* and *One Man, Two Guvnors*. Certain to be essential reading for theatre lovers and students, *The National Theatre Story* is packed with photographs and draws on Daniel Rosenthal's unprecedented access to the National Theatre's own archives, unpublished correspondence and more than 100 new interviews with directors, playwrights and actors, including Olivier's successors as Director (Peter Hall, Richard Eyre, Trevor Nunn and Nicholas Hytner), and other great figures from the last 50 years of British and American drama, among them Edward Albee, Alan Bennett, Judi Dench, Michael Gambon, David Hare, Tony Kushner, Ian McKellen, Diana Rigg, Maggie Smith, Peter Shaffer, Stephen Sondheim and Tom Stoppard.

With his characteristically brilliant wordplay and extraordinary scope, Tom Stoppard has in *Hapgood* devised a play that “spins an end-of-the-Cold-War tale of intrigue and betrayal, interspersed with explanations of the quixotic behavior of the electron and the puzzling properties of light” (*New York Times*). It falls to Hapgood, an extraordinary British intelligence officer, to try to unravel the mystery of who is passing along top-secret scientific discoveries to the Soviets, but as she does so, the web of personal and professional betrayals?doubles and triples and possibly quadruples?continues to multiply.

It is Tom Stoppard's very special skill as the master comedian of ideas in the modern theater to create brilliant, biting humor out of serious concerns. Virtually assaulting the audience with a cascade of words and a conspicuous display of intellect, Stoppard, in *Every Good Boy Deserves Favor*, contrasts the circumstances of a political prisoner and a mental patient in a Soviet insane asylum, to question the difference, if any, between free will and the freedom to conform. The situation, in which the mental patient "hears" an orchestra, is both chilling and funny as we are introduced to two men who happen to share the same name, are in carcerated in the same cell, and are attended by the same doctor.

This completely updated and expanded 2nd edition covers the main developments in the history of British and Irish literature and, uniquely, includes accompanying language notes exploring the interrelationships between language and literature.

Susan Traherne returns to her home in post-war Britain haunted by her experiences as a resistance fighter in occupied France.

Published in the year of the school's 125th anniversary, *Hail Mount Hermon! A Tribute* is a tribute not only to the school's founders, principals and teachers but also to all Hermonites (alumni) of all eras and ages who have great love and affection for their alma mater and hopes that Mount Hermon School looks back to its great legacy and lives on to reach greater heights. The book chronicles the school's tragic beginning soon after its opening in 1895, founding of Queen's Hill School in the beginning of the 20th century, the establishment of Mount Hermon School at the present campus in Darjeeling in 1929–30, and how the school has grown and progressed thereafter right up to the

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present era. Throughout its 125 years of existence (1895–2020), Mount Hermon School, founded by Christian missionaries of America in the latter part of the 19th century, had its share of ups and downs. However, the school was able to pull through hard times mainly because of the faith, dedication and determination of its leadership. Major events and renowned personalities of the school are well-documented in this book for posterity to note the spirit in which the school was initially founded and why it survived for so long despite trying circumstances to become one of the leading educational institutions in India. The efforts of the Hermonites and their concern for their alma mater to regain its past glory is recorded in the latter part of this book. Their love and concern for their alma mater is a profound reflection of the spirit that not only gave birth to this great institution but kept it going in the past 125 years through troubled times.

Contemporary British historical plays demonstrate different agendas for history itself. Marxist plays, for example, illustrate an historical dialectic leading to the emergence of Communism, while feminist historians expose the biases of a male dominated hegemony and confront the role of gender in history. This book investigates how British history plays since 1956 reflect the methods and values of New History, in contrast to traditional biographical dramas that depict the lives of great men in the past. The volume discusses more than 50 British playwrights, including John Osborne, John Arden, Edward Bond, Robert Bolt, Pam Gems, Howard Brenton, Caryl Churchill, Howard Barker, and Peter Shaffer. Both playwrights and critics confront the implications of the idea that history is constructed and not simply found, and new approaches to history demand innovations in the staging and structuring of plays.

Tom Stoppard's stimulating, funny play *Night and Day* is set in a fictional African country, Kambawe, which is ruled by a leader not unlike Idi Amin. The nation is faced with a Soviet-backed revolution which quickly brings newsmen from around the world to cover the story. Using the characters Ruth; her husband, Geoffrey Carson, a mine owner; an Australian veteran reporter, Dick Wagner; and an idealistic young journalist, Jacob Milne, Stoppard pits the ideal of a Free Press against that of working-class solidarity. During the course of the play, each character is given an opportunity to make his case heard as the revolution unfolds. More traditional in style than most of Stoppard's oeuvre, *Night and Day* is a provocative and funny look at exploitation and corruption, journalistic ethics, freedom of the press, and marital infidelity. This collection of essays by leading Byronists explores the development of the myth of Byron and the Byronic from the poet's self-representations to his various appearances in nineteenth- and twentieth-century literature and in drama, film and portraiture. *Byromania* (as Annabella Milbanke named the frenzied reaction to Byron's poetry and personality) looks at the phenomena of Byronism through a variety of critical perspectives, and it is designed to appeal to both an academic and a popular readership alike.

He was 'THE WICKEDEST MAN ALIVE'. He went to Oxford University at the age of 12 He slept with his first prostitute at 13 He was an alcoholic by 14 He was imprisoned in the Tower at 18 He was acclaimed a war hero at 19 He died of syphilis at the age of 33 He was English history's first celebrity. He was John Wilmot, 2nd Earl of Rochester: Poet, dandy and libertine. *BLAZING STAR* is a compelling portrait of a remarkable and complex man, and of a cultural golden age that often spilled over into depravity.

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