

# The 200 Plays That Every Theatre Major Should Read

Aeschylus	The Persians (472 BC) The Orestia (458 BC) Prometheus Bound (456 BC)	McCullers	A Member of the Wedding (1946)
Sophocles	Antigone (442 BC) Oedipus Rex (426 BC) Oedipus at Colonus (406 BC)	Miller	Death of a Salesman (1949) The Crucible (1953)
Euripides	Medea (431 BC) Electra (417 BC) The Trojan Women (415 BC)	Ionesco	A View From the Bridge (1955) The Price (1968)
Aristophanes	The Bacchae (408 BC) The Birds (414 BC) Lysistrata (412 BC)	Inge	The Bald Soprano (1950) Rhinoceros (1960)
Plautus	The Frogs (405 BC)	Beckett	Picnic (1953) Bus Stop (1955)
Terence	The Twin Menaechni (195 BC)	Osborne	Waiting for Godot (1953)
Anonymous	The Brothers (160 BC)	Frings	Endgame (1957)
Anonymous	The Wakefield Creation (1350-1450)	Pinter	Look Back in Anger (1956)
Anonymous	The Second Shepherd's Play (1350- 1450)	Hansberry	Look Homeward Angel (1957)
Anonymous	Everyman (1500)	Weiss	The Birthday Party (1958)
Machiavelli	The Mandrake (1520)	Albee	The Homecoming (1965)
Udall	Ralph Roister Doister (1550-1553)	Bolt	A Raisin in the Sun (1959)
Stevenson	Gammer Gurton's Needle (1552-1563)	Orton	Marat/Sade (1959)
Kyd	The Spanish Tragedy (1586)	Marcus	Zoo Story (1960)
Shakespeare	Entire Collection of Plays	Simon	Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf (1962)
Marlowe	Dr. Faustus (1588)		Three Tall Women (1994)
Jonson	Volpone (1606)		A Man for All Seasons (1960)
Webster	The Alchemist (1610)		What the Butler Saw (1969)
Ford	The Dutchess of Malfi (1612)		The Killing of Sister George (1965)
Calderon de Barca	Tis a Pity She's a Whore (1629)		The Odd Couple (1965)
Comeille	Life is a Dream (1635)		Brighton Beach Memoirs (1984)
Moliere	The Cid (1637)		Biloxi Blues (1985)
	School for Wives (1663)		Broadway Bound (1986)
	The Misanthrope (1666)		Lost in Yonkers (1991)
	The Doctor in Spite of Himself (1666)		5th of July (1978)
	The Miser (1668)	Wilson, Langford	Talley's Folley (1980)
	Tartuffe (1669)		Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead (1966)
	The Imaginary Invalid (1673)	Stopppard	Arcadia (1993)
Wycherley	The Country Wife (1672)	Nichols	Joe Egg (1967)
Dryden	All for Love (1677)	Crowley	The Boys in the band (1968)
Congreve	The Way of the World (1700)	Kopit	Indians (1969)
Farquhar	The Beaux Stratagem (1707)	Guare	Wings (1978)
Gay	The Beggar's Opera (1728)	(1970)	The House of Blue Leaves
Goldsmith	She Stoops to Conquer (1773)	(1990)	Six Degrees of Separation
Sheridan	The Rivals (1775)	Zindel	The Effects of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds (1971)
	The School for Scandal (1777)	McNally	Frankie and Johnny in the Clair de Lune (1987)
			Master Class (1995)

Beaumarchais	The Barber of Seville (1782)		Love! Valour! Compassion! (1995)
Goethe	Faustus, Part I (1808)	Rabe	In the Boom Boom Room (1972)
Gogol	The Inspector General (1842)		Hurlyburly (1984)
Turgenev	A Month in the Country (1850)		Master Harold and the Boys (1982)
Dumas	Camille (1852)	Fugard	A Texas Trilogy (1973)
Ibsen	A Doll's House (1879)	Jones, Preston	When You Comin' Back, Red Ryder? (1973)
	An Enemy of the People (1882)	Medoff	Steambath (1973)
Strindberg	Hedda Gabler (1890)	Friedman	That Championship Season (1973)
Chekov	Miss Julie (1888)	Miller, Jason	Absurd Person Singular (1973)
	The Seagull (1896)	Ayckbourn	The Norman Conquests (1973)
	Uncle Vanya (1899)	Shaffer	Equus (1973)
	The Three Sisters (1900)	Patrick	Amadeus (1980)
Wilde	The Cherry Orchard (1903)	Mamet	Kennedy's Children (1975)
Earnest	The Importance of Being (1895)		American Buffalo (1975)
Shaw	Arms and the Man (1894)		Sexual Perversity in Chicago (1976)
	Major Barbara (1905)		A Life in the Theatre (1977)
	Misalliance (1909)	Shange	Glengarry Glenross (1983)
	Pygmalion (1912)	Cristofer	Speed the Plow (1992)
Synge	St. Joan (1923)	Hare	For colored girls who have considered suicide... (1976)
	Playboy of the Western World (1907)	Shepard	The Shadow Box (1977)
Brecht	Threepenny Opera (1928)		Plenty (1978)
	The Good Woman of Setzuan (1938)		Buried Child (1978)
	Mother Courage and her Children (1941)		Fool For Love (1979)
Pirandello	The Caucasian Chalk Circle (1944)		True West (1982)
	Six Characters in Search of an Author (1921)	Sharman	A Lie of the Mind (1985)
O'Neill	The Emporer Jones (1921)	Thompson	Bent (1979)
	The Hairy Ape (1922)	Pomerance	On Golden Pond (1979)
	Desire Under the Elms (1924)	Fuller	The Elephant Man (1979)
	Mourning Becomes Electra (1931)	Henley	A Soldier's Play (1982)
	Ah! Wilderness (1933)	Fierstein	Crimes of the Heart (1981)
	Long Day's Journey into Night (1941)	Frayn	Torch Song Trilogy (1982)
Coward	The Iceman Cometh (1946)	Gurney	Noises Off (1982)
	Hay Fever (1925)		The Dining Room (1982)
Hellman	Blythe Spirit (1941)	Lucas	Another Antigone (1987)
	The Children's Hour (1934)	Howe	Reckless (1983)
Odets	The Little Foxes (1938)	Wilson, August	Painting Churches (1983)
	Waiting for Lefty (1935)		The Piano Lesson (1986)
Eliot	Golden Boy (1937)	Hwang	Fences (1987)
	Murder in the Cathedral (1935)	Wertenbaker	M Butterfly
	The Cocktail Party (1950)	Uhry	Our Country's Good (1988)
Kaufman & Hart	You Can't Take it with You (1936)	Wasserstein	Driving Miss Daisy (1988)
	The Man Who Came to Dinner	Ives	The Heidi Chronicles (1988)
		Friel	All in the Timing (1988)
			Dancing at Lughnasa (1990)

Saroyan	(1939)	Kushner	Angels in America: Millenium
Kesserling	The Time of Your Life (1939)		Approaches (1991)
Anouilh	Arsenic and Old Lace (1941)		Perestroika (1991)
Camus	The Lark (1953)		Marvin's Room (1991)
Giraudoux	Caligula (1945)		The Kentucky Cycle (1992)
	The Madwoman of Chaillot (1945)		Young Man from Atlanta (1995)
Williams	The Glass Menagerie (1945)		How I Learned to Drive (1997)
	A Streetcar Named Desire(1947)		The Complete Bash – The
	A Cat on a Hot Tin Roof (1954)		Latterday Plays
Kanin	Born Yesterday (1946)		