

Gentlemen Callers Tennessee Williams Homosexuality And Mid Twentieth Century Drama

Edible Arrangements - Elizabeth Blake

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Bringing together the fields of queer theory, modernist studies, and food studies, this book intervenes into debates about literary form.

[The Facts on File Companion to American Drama](#) - Jackson R. Bryer 2010

Features a comprehensive guide to American dramatic literature, from its origins in the early days of the nation to the groundbreaking works of today's best writers.

[Tennessee Williams, Updated Edition](#) - Harold Bloom 2009

Presents a collection of critical essays on Williams and his works, arranged in chronological order of publication.

The Metatheater of Tennessee Williams - Laura Michiels 2021-06-30

Tennessee Williams' characters set the stage for their own dramas. Blanche DuBois (*A Streetcar Named Desire*), arrived at her sister's apartment with an entire trunk of costumes and props. Amanda Wingfield (*The Glass Menagerie*) directed her son on how to eat and tries to make her daughter act like a Southern Belle. This book argues for the persistence of one metatheatrical strategy running throughout Williams' entire oeuvre: each play stages the process through which it came into being--and this process consists of a variation on repetition combined with transformation. Each chapter takes a detailed reading of one play and its variation on repetition and transformation. Specific topics include reproduction in *Sweet Bird of Youth* (1959), mediation in *Something Cloudy, Something Clear* (1981), and how the playwright frequently recycled previous works of art, including his own.

[Homofiles](#) - Jes Battis 2011-12-14

Homofiles: Theory, Sexuality, and Graduate Studies, edited by Jes Battis, collects the work of

gay, lesbian, and transgender graduate students who are pursuing studies across the humanities.

The contributors' essays address the various relationships between sexuality and scholarship within their respective programs, and present arguments on topics ranging from queer literature to police brutality. This is the first anthology to specifically explore the role of queer and transgender intellectuals-in-training within the academy, and the contributors both analyze and challenge the structures of academia that they are working in as cultural critics.

Contemporary American Drama - Annette Saddik 2007-09-13

This book explores the development of contemporary theatre in the United States in its historical, political and theoretical dimensions. It focuses on representative plays and performance texts that experiment with form and content, discussing influential playwrights and performance artists such as Tennessee Williams, Adrienne Kennedy, Sam Shepard, Tony Kushner, Charles Ludlum, Anna Deavere Smith, Karen Finley and Will Power, alongside avant-garde theatre groups. Saddik traces the development of contemporary drama since 1945, and discusses the cross-cultural impact of postwar British and European innovations on American theatre from the 1950s to the present day in order to examine the performance of American identity. She argues that contemporary American theatre is primarily a postmodern drama of inclusion and diversity that destabilizes the notion of fixed identity and questions the nature of reality.

Tennessee Williams, T-shirt Modernism and the Refashionings of Theater - S. E. Gontarski 2021-07-06

Tennessee Williams, T-shirt Modernism and the Refashionings of Theater reappraises the

received wisdom that Williams's work fell into decline in the late 1960 as the Naturalism he was associated with, not always through his own choice, was replaced by European theatrical experimentalism and as culture saw a lifting of sexual restrictions. It suggests, instead, that Williams was always experimental, always more Chekhov than Ibsen, a lyrical playwright inflected with the poetry of Harte Crane, and that his late plays are as central to Williams's reshaping of American theater as those works of the immediate post-World War II era that brought him fame and fortune. Its general aim, then, is to engage the perception that "Tennessee Williams is the greatest unknown playwright America has produced" (David Savran, City University of New York). In many respects the work of Tennessee Williams, after a protracted period of neglect, is primed for reappraisal, reinterpretations and, subsequently, re-stagings. This work is part of that process, academically at very least, but performatively as well as academic reinterest often regenerates theatrical reinterest.

The Oxford Handbook of the Literature of the U.S. South - Fred Hobson 2016

'The Oxford Handbook of the Literature of the US South' brings together contemporary views of the literature of the region in a series of chapters employing critical tools not traditionally used in approaching Southern literature. As well as canonical southern writers, it examines Native American literature, Latina/o literature, Asian American as well as African American literatures, Caribbean studies, sexuality studies, the relationship of literature to film and a number of other topics which are relatively new to the field.

Gentlemen Callers - M. Paller 2005-05-11

Gentlemen Callers provides a fascinating look at America's greatest Twentieth-century playwright and perhaps the most-performed, even today. Michael Paller looks at Tennessee Williams's plays from the 1940s through the 1960s against the backdrop of the playwright's life story, providing fresh details. Through this lens Paller examines the evolution of Mid-Twentieth-century America's acknowledgment and acceptance of homosexuality. From the early *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* and one-act *Auto-da-Fé*, through *The Two-Character Play* and *Something Cloudy,*

Something Clear, Paller's book investigates how Williams's earliest critics marginalized or ignored his gay characters and why, beginning in the 1970s, many gay liberationists reviled them. Lively, blunt, and provocative, this book will appeal to anyone who loves Williams, Broadway, and the theater.

The Palgrave Handbook of the Southern Gothic - Susan Castillo Street 2016-07-26

This book examines 'Southern Gothic' - a term that describes some of the finest works of the American Imagination. But what do 'Southern' and 'Gothic' mean, and how are they related? Traditionally seen as drawing on the tragedy of slavery and loss, 'Southern Gothic' is now a richer, more complex subject. Thirty-five distinguished scholars explore the Southern Gothic, under the categories of Poe and his Legacy; Space and Place; Race; Gender and Sexuality; and Monsters and Voodoo. The essays examine slavery and the laws that supported it, and stories of slaves who rebelled and those who escaped. Also present are the often-neglected issues of the Native American presence in the South, socioeconomic class, the distinctions among the several regions of the South, same-sex relationships, and norms of gendered behaviour. This handbook covers not only iconic figures of Southern literature but also other less well-known writers, and examines gothic imagery in film and in contemporary television programmes such as *True Blood* and *True Detective*.

Hidden - Clinton Elliot 2014-02-04

A charming, witty and wide-ranging collection of brief biographies of closeted gay men in modern and early modern history, *Hidden: The Intimate Lives of Gay Men Past and Present* includes colorful snapshots of such well-known men as Horatio Alger, Thomas Eakins, King Edward II, Alfred C. Kinsey, and Siegfried Wagner. Readers will find joy and sorrow and pleasure and pain in these 400 biographies of men who were forced to live hidden lives. All were caught in the tension between the torment of secrecy and the calamity of revelation. How did they manage their difficult lives? How indeed did they survive? One who did was James Brooke. He turned his inheritance into a 142 ton schooner, sailed for the East Indies, seized the northern part of Borneo and proclaimed himself Rajah of

Sarawak. Among those who did not survive was Jan Quisthout Van der Linde, a soldier in New Amsterdam (not yet New York). He was stripped of his arms, his sword broken at his feet. He was then tied in a sack, thrown into the Hudson River and drowned until dead. While illuminating individuals, the book also provides rich cultural and historical content, including the trial of those over-the-top transvestites Ernest Boulton Stella of the Strand and Frederick Fanny Park; and a delightful description of the 5th Marquess of Anglesey as he parades along the boulevards of Paris rouged, powdered and perfumed, cradling an equally perfumed poodle festooned with pink ribbons. Written in clear, concise, and lively prose, Hidden offers a substantive and extensive look at men who lived their lives in conflict with their sexuality.

Queering the South on Screen - Tison Pugh 2020

"Within the realm of U.S. culture and its construction of its citizenry, geography, and ideology, who are Southerners and who are queers, and what is the South and what is queerness? Queering the South on Screen addresses these questions by examining "the intersections of queerness, regionalism, and identity" depicted in film, television, and other visual media about the South during the twentieth century. From portrayals of slavery to gothic horror films, the contributors show that queer southerners have always expressed desires for distinctiveness in the making and consumption of visual media. Read together, the introduction and twelve chapters deconstruct premeditated labels of identity such as queer and southern. In doing so, they expose the reflexive nature of these labels to construct fantasies based on southerner's self-identification based on what they were not"--

Bloom's How to Write about Tennessee Williams

- Jennifer Banach 2009

Offers advice on writing essays about the works of Tennessee Williams and lists sample topics.

Culture, History, and the Reception of Tennessee Williams in China - Shouhua Qi 2022-10-30

This book is the first comprehensive study of the reception of Tennessee Williams in China, from rejection and/or misgivings to cautious curiosity and to full-throated acceptance, in the context of profound changes in China's socioeconomic and

cultural life and mores since the end of the Cultural Revolution. It fills a conspicuous gap in scholarship in the reception of one of the greatest American playwrights and joins book-length studies of Chinese reception of Shakespeare, Ibsen, O'Neill, Brecht, and other important Western playwrights whose works have been eagerly embraced and appropriated and have had catalytic impact on modern Chinese cultural life.

The Theatre of Tennessee Williams - Brenda Murphy 2014-01-16

This book is open access and available on www.bloomsburycollections.com. It is funded by Knowledge Unlatched. Perfect for students of English Literature, Theatre Studies and American Studies at college and university, *The Theatre of Tennessee Williams* provides a lucid and stimulating analysis of Williams' dramatic work by one of America's leading scholars. With the centennial of his birth celebrated amid a flurry of conferences devoted to his work in 2011, and his plays a central part of any literature and drama curriculum and ubiquitous in theatre repertoires, he remains a giant of twentieth century literature and drama. In Brenda Murphy's major study of his work she examines his life and career and provides an analysis of more than a score of his key plays, including in-depth studies of major works such as *A Streetcar Named Desire*, *The Glass Menagerie*, *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* and others. She traces the artist figure who features in many of Williams' plays to broaden the discussion beyond the normal reference points. As with other volumes in Methuen Drama's Critical Companions series, this book features too essays by Bruce McConachie, John S. Bak, Felicia Hardison Londré and Annette Saddik, offering perspectives on different aspects of Williams' work that will assist students in their own critical thinking.

Tennessee Williams and the Theatre of Excess - Annette J. Saddik 2015-01-26

This book explores Williams' late plays in terms of a 'theatre of excess', which seeks liberation through exaggeration, chaos, ambiguity, and laughter.

Tennessee Williams - J. Bak 2013-02-18

This *Literary Life* draws extensively from the playwright's correspondences, notebooks, and

archival papers to offer an original angle to the discussion of Williams's life and work, and the times and circumstances that helped produce it.

Law and Sexuality in Tennessee Williams's America - Jacqueline O'Connor 2016-05-31

This book explores the diverse representation of sexualities in Tennessee Williams's texts and argues for his creative response to the increase, prior to and following World War II, in criminal prosecution of transgressive sexual activity. It expands longstanding scholarly assessments of Williams's work, using the law as a framework to assess this writer's role as a cultural, political, and legal force participating in the normalization of diverse sexualities, during his lifetime and beyond.

Masked Voices - Craig M. Loftin 2012-04-02

An analysis of unpublished letters to the first American gay magazine reveals the agency, adaptation, and resistance occurring in the gay community during the McCarthy era.

Tennessee Williams - A Streetcar Named Desire/Cat on a Hot Tin Roof - Thomas Adler 2012-12-07

A Streetcar Named Desire (1947) and Cat on a Hot Tin Roof (1955) are major plays by Tennessee Williams, one of America's most significant dramatists. They both received landmark productions and are widely-studied and performed around the world. The plays have also inspired popular screen adaptations and have generated a body of important and lasting scholarship. In this indispensable Reader's Guide, Thomas P. Adler: - Charts the development of the criticism surrounding both works, from the mid-twentieth century through to the present day - Provides a readable assessment of the key debates and issues - Examines a range of theoretical approaches from biographical and New Criticism to feminist and queer theory In so doing, Adler helps us to appreciate why these plays continue to fascinate readers, theatregoers and directors alike.

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