

The book was found

The Infernal Machine: & Other Plays (New Directions Paperbook)



Synopsis

Four full-length plays by one of the greatest dramatists Europe has produced. Among the great figures who pioneered the modern movement in world literature, none showed himself more versatile than France's Jean Cocteau. Poet, novelist, critic, artist, actor, film-maker, Cocteau was also one of the greatest dramatists Europe has produced, with over a dozen plays which are frequently revived, not only in France, but in translation in many other countries. For this collection, fine translations of four full-length plays, one short play, and the "Speaker's Text" for the Cocteau-Stravinsky opera *Oedipus Rex* have been selected. The longer plays (*The Infernal Machine*, *Orpheus*, *Bacchus*, *Knights of the Round Table*) are re-creations of classic myth and legend "poetic and highly original interpretations of certain timeless themes which have inspired great drama through the ages. *The Eiffel Tower Wedding Party* is, by contrast, merely a "curtain-raiser," but remarkable as *un jeu d'esprit*, revealing the wit and psychological penetration for which Cocteau is famous.

Book Information

File Size: 1022 KB

Print Length: 412 pages

Publisher: New Directions (January 17, 1964)

Publication Date: March 15, 2013

Sold by: Digital Services LLC

Language: English

ASIN: B00BGLCFBO

Text-to-Speech: Enabled

X-Ray: Not Enabled

Word Wise: Not Enabled

Lending: Not Enabled

Enhanced Typesetting: Enabled

Best Sellers Rank: #1,047,550 Paid in Kindle Store (See Top 100 Paid in Kindle Store) #104

in Books > Literature & Fiction > Dramas & Plays > Regional & Cultural > European > French

#359 in Kindle Store > Kindle eBooks > Literature & Fiction > Drama & Plays > Continental

European #3384 in Books > Literature & Fiction > British & Irish > Dramas & Plays

Customer Reviews

A magnificent collection of plays by Cocteau, this set includes *Orpheus*, *Oedipus Rex*, and a

preposterous execution of *Knights Of The Round Table*. Most outstanding is the surreal *Eiffel Tower*, in which inanimate objects possess mortal properties, and subsequently performing a play within a play. More comprehensive than what he put to film, nevertheless Cocteau writes in a minimalist mark that makes this book a fast yet enjoyable read. Also check out the novels *Les Enfants Terribles* and *Opium*.

These translators may be fluent in French, but they are clearly not conversant with Jean Cocteau, the man, the artist, and his personal mythology. Autobiographical and poetic touchstones are heavily alluded to throughout these plays, but the translators mostly miss their significance in clumsy renderings that betray their ignorance of the things that were most important to the playwright. "Bacchus," in particular, a magnificent play, Cocteau's final testament for the stage, suffers egregiously in this regard.

Looking forward to reading.

very old. i wasn't expecting a book with yellow pages, and in the entire class i had the oldest edition. but that did not mean anything, because everything except the yellowishness was same.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

The Infernal Machine: & Other Plays (New Directions Paperbook) Bread Machine Cookbook: 101 Delicious, Nutritious, Low Budget, Mouthwatering Bread Machine Cookbook: Best Bread Machine Bread Recipe Recipes for Perfect-Every-Time Bread-From Every Kind of Machine The Wall: (Intimacy) and Other Stories (New Directions Paperbook) Maldoror: (Les Chants de Maldoror) (New Directions Paperbook) Paris Spleen (New Directions Paperbook) The Flowers of Evil (Bilingual Edition) (New Directions Paperbook) A Streetcar Named Desire (New Directions Paperbook) Diary of a Wave Outside the Sea (New Directions Paperbook) Field-Russia (New Directions Paperbook) Spring Poems Along the Rio Grande (New Directions Paperbook) The Collected Poems of Tennessee Williams (New Directions Paperbook) The Selected Poems of Po Chǎi (New Directions Paperbook) Ubu Roi (New Directions Paperbook) Three Tragedies: Blood Wedding, Yerma, Bernarda Alba (New Directions Paperbook) Nazi Literature in the Americas (New Directions Paperbook) Nausea (New Directions Paperbook) Your Face Tomorrow: Dance and Dream (Vol. 2) (New Directions Paperbook) Cat on a Hot Tin Roof (New Directions Paperbook) New Directions in American Political Parties (New Directions in American Politics) Bread Machine Cooking - The Ultimate Guide to Bread Machine Bread Baking: Over 24 Bread Machine Recipes You Will Love!

