

Title: \$38,000 for a Friendly Face

Author: Shepherd, Kristin

Publisher: Samuel French

Description:

roy
drama – death
seven characters
one male, six female
two acts

\$38,000 For A Friendly Face takes place in our time, in a small town where Bronwyn Bain lived out the last years of her life. Her two daughters, Jane and Annie, arrive less than enthusiastically for their mother's Celebration of Life, not having seen their mother in years. The town's funeral home is run by Matt, who struggles to create a decent ending for Bronwyn and her daughters, and by The Last Supper Committee, a number of women responsible for the meals for funeral events. Preparations for the Celebration of Life deteriorate on every front. It becomes apparent that

Title: 24 Exposures
Portraits

Author: Boucher, Serge

translated by Shelley Tepperman

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press

1999

Description:

roy
drama – family relations
eight characters
five male; three female
four acts

On a Sunday in August 1997, the Dubé family gathers in Nicole and Richard's backyard to celebrate Richard's 40th birthday. Facing a whole afternoon and evening together, how will they make the time pass? Ordinary people talk, laugh, play and love each other; they love each other all wrong, but they love each other all the same. As the day unfolds, Richard unwraps his birthday gifts, lottery tickets are doled out, the "specials" are surveyed in the weekly circular, and family scars and skeletons come to light; what emerges is a portrait of what could be any (or every)

Title: 84 Charing Cross Road

Author: Roose-Evans, James

Hanff, Helene

Publisher: Samuel French

1983

Description:

roy
drama
nine characters
four male; five female
two acts

combination interior set.

James Roose-Evans' adaptation of Helene Hanff's "84 Charing Cross Road".

A dramatization of nothing other than business letters between a young struggling writer in New York and an antiquarian book store in London. In a sense, though, these are also love letters.

Title: Abducting Diana
Il ratto della Francesca

Author: Fo, Dario

Publisher: Oberon Press 1994

Description:

roy
drama – caper – mystery
seven characters
five male, two female
two acts

"Millionaire media boss, Diana Forbes-McKaye, is kidnapped – but this ruthless magnate proves more resourceful than her clumsy abductors. Are things what they seem? Who is in charge? Who masterminded the abduction? Who has the television rights to this premier media event? Into this cocktail of chaotic double-dealing, Fo adds a gun-toting priest, a deranged alter boy, a kidnapper hiding in the fridge, pyromania and an explosive climax."

Title: Act of the Imagination, An

Author: Slade, Bernard

Publisher: Samuel French 1988

Description:

roy
mystery – murder – thriller
seven characters
three male; four female
two acts

"... involves a successful mystery writer whose latest work has strangely turned into a romance – a vivid and adulterous romance. His son, his second wife and his editor all marvel at the truthfulness of the work, remarkable since it is inconceivable that he could ever have had such an affair. Enter a woman, who is intent on blackmail and whose story is foolproof and airtight: it appears that Arthur has been trysting away from home. Death stalks: the other woman disappears and evidence incriminates Arthur in her murder. There is a conspiracy to do Arthur in, a

Title: Adam and the Experts

Author: Bumbalo, Victor

Publisher: Broadway Play Publishing Inc. 1990

Description:

roy
drama – AIDS
seven characters
five male; two female
two acts

"ADAM AND THE EXPERTS ... deals with the AIDS crisis in gay society. Bumbalo's play expresses a mood of exhaustion, fatalism and embattled determination that, as the decimation continues, has become an overshadowing fact of homosexual life. It has, at least, become possible, the play suggests, to find some bitter humor amid the tragedy. ADAM AND THE EXPERTS is quite funny in a dry satiric way. Most of the humor is situational, deployed by the playwright to reveal the pathetic, ludicrous defenses that people adopt to shield themselves from terrifying realities...."

Title: African Company Presents Richard III, The

Author: Brown, Carlyle

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1994

Description:

roy
black play – drama – historical
seven characters
five male; two female
two acts

Drama set in 1821 Manhattan focusing on black theatrical groups' troubled production of Shakespeare's "Richard III".

Title: All Fall Down

Author: Lill, Wendy

Publisher: Talonbooks 1994

Description:

roy
Canadian – drama – social issues – abuse
seven characters
two male; two female; three children
two acts

"A play about witch-hunting in the late twentieth century. The rumours and whispers in the community – every suspicion of the unusual, the eccentric, the unexplained – are added to the growing body of evidence that a heinous evil is afoot in the quiet innocence of the daycare centre. No distinction between circumstantial and substantive evidence is made: the evil is too profound, the threat too great. How, in such a poisoned atmosphere, does one maintain one's sanity and reason, one's imagination, compassion and sense of fairness? How does one determine what

Title: All Summer Long

Author: Anderson, Robert Wetzels, Donald

Publisher: Samuel French 1955

Description:

roy
drama
seven characters
four male; three female; one boy or girl
two acts

1 set.

Adapted from the novel "A Wreath and A Curse" by Donald Wetzels. In spite of the jibes of their father, two boys build a retaining wall on the bank of the rising river in a futile attempt to save their family's home.

Title: All the Better to Kill You With

Author: Carmichael, Fred

Publisher: Samuel French 1968

Description:

roy
mystery
seven characters
five male; two female
two acts

1 interior set.

A man who married up in life kills his wife's old fiance to guarantee that the old romance can never begin again.

Title: And Miss Reardon Drinks a Little

Author: Zindel, Paul

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1971

Description:

roy
drama
seven characters
two male; five female
three acts

1 interior set.

Three sisters, all involved with careers in education, are forced to examine their lives when they are faced with the crisis of one of them having a nervous breakdown in the middle of the school year.

Title: And They Dance Real Slow in Jackson

Author: Leonard, Jim Jr.

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1979

Description:

roy
drama – prejudice
seven characters
three male; four female
two acts

suggested for high school.

In a small town in rural Indiana, Elizabeth Ann lives with her father and mother. Crippled at birth with polio, Elizabeth Ann is confined to a wheelchair and must wear leg braces, which cuts her off from other children and prevents her regular attendance at school. Comprised of a brilliantly conceived mosaic of interlocking scenes which move back and forth in time, with four performers

Title: Angel in the Night

Author: Kraus, Joanna

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company 1995

Description:

roy
drama – war
nine characters; expandable to eighteen characters
flexible casting
two acts

"Set in 1942 (and today), this is the true story of Marysia Pawlina Szul, a teenager who hid four Jews in her barn (without her family's approval). She alone cared for them for two years during the Nazi invasion of Poland. Although she was arrested, imprisoned and beaten by Nazi soldiers, Marysia refused to betray them. Angel in the Night is an inspiring story of courage, compassion and heroism, reinforcing the concept that one individual can make a real difference and that love is stronger than hatred."

Title: Angel Street

A Victorian thriller

Author: Hamilton, Patrick

Publisher: Samuel French 1966

Description:

roy
melodrama – mystery – Victorian thriller – romantic
seven characters; extras
two male; three female
three acts

Same as 'Gaslight'. The story of the Mannings who live on Angel Street. It is soon apparent that Manningham, a suavely sinister and handsome man, is slowly torturing his wife into insanity under the guise of kindness. While he is out, Mrs. Manningham has an unexpected caller – amiable, paternal Rough from Scotland Yard. Rough is convinced that Manningham is a maniacal criminal wanted for a murder committed fifteen years ago in this very house. Gradually, the hearty and understanding Rough restores Mrs. Manningham's confidence in herself and they build up

Title: Anna in the Tropics

Author: Cruz, Nilo

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 2003

Description:

roy
drama
eight characters
five male; three female
two acts

'A poignant and poetic play set in Florida in 1929 in a Cuban-American cigar factory, where cigars are still rolled by hand and "lectors" are employed to educate and entertain the workers. The arrival of a new lector is a cause for celebration, but when he begins to read aloud from Anna Karenina, he unwittingly becomes a catalyst in the lives of his avid listeners, for whom, the tropics and the American dream prove a volatile combination.'
Winner of the Steinberg/American Theatre Critics Association New Play Award and the 2003

Title: Anne

Author: Ledoux, Paul

Publisher: Miscellaneous 1999

Description:

roy
Canadian – drama – family relations
eight characters
two male; six female
two acts

"This is a rich evocation of turn-of-the century life on tiny Prince Edward Island, with Anne at its center. In his hands Marilyn and Matthew, Anne's adoptive parents, and nosy neighbour Rachael Lynde, come alive as powerful archetypes who gentle story is deeply sentimental, but never saccharin in its delivery of a timely message about the importance of community."

Title: Artichoke

Author: Glass, Joanna McClelland

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1979

Description:

roy
drama – Canadian
seven characters
five male; two female
two acts

1 interior set.

Margaret, Walter and Margaret's old dad live on a Saskatchewan farm. A water-witch leaves a baby, Lily Agnes, on their porch, with a note saying the baby is Walter's. Walter has been banished to celibacy in the smokehouse when Gibson, an international authority on Alexander Pope, arrives on the scene and woos Margaret.

Title: As it is in Heaven

Author: Hutton, Arlene

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 2003

Description:

roy
religious drama – Shakers
all female cast; nine characters
nine female
two acts

suggested for high school.

In the 1830's, the Shaker community of Pleasant Hill, KY is changed when a non-believer has an ecstatic experience. The society is set in ordered ways. The arrival of Fanny upsets the harmony; the Sisters suspect her to be a "winter Shaker," one who suddenly converts when life gets too hard on the farm. Fanny sees angels in the meadow, and soon all the young women are receiving

Title: Assorted Candies for the Theatre

Author: Tremblay, Michel

translated by Linda Gaboriau

Publisher: Talonbooks

2007

Description:

roy
autobiographical drama
seven characters
two male; four female; one male or female
two acts

'Assorted Candies for the Theatre' is a stage adaptation of Michel Tremblay's fourth book of autobiographical sketches, offering a rich and colorful cast of characters in this exquisite remembrance of childhood past in Montreal's Plateau Mont-Royal neighborhood.

Title: At the Zenith of the Empire

Author: Lemoine, Stewart

Publisher: NeWest Press

2007

Description:

roy
theatre – biography – Sarah Bernhardt – Edmonton
eight characters
three male; five female
two acts

In 1913, legendary tragedienne Sarah Bernhardt traveled to Edmonton, Alberta, to perform the last act of Alexandre Dumas' "The Lady of the Camellias" before two packed houses at the Empire Theatre. Inspired by "Fallen Empires" – John Orrell's celebrated history of Edmonton's Early theatre scene – this play creates a swirling speculative scenario about the impact of this very special day on the lives of Edmonton's earliest theatre goers and theatre practitioners. The Divine Sarah herself narrates this sumptuous romp of reminiscence, as the characters visit such local

Title: Bacchae, The

Author: Euripides

translated by Michael Cacoyannis

Publisher: New American Library

1982

Description:

roy
tragedy
eight characters
seven male; one female
one act

The play deals with the attempt of the city of Thebes to deny the sovereignty of the god Dionysus, and with the god's devastating revenge. This confrontation between arrogant, overreaching human pride and the primal forces of nature vividly presents a dilemma as pertinent to our own time as it was to the ancient Greeks.

Title: Balconville

Author: Fennario, David

Publisher: Talonbooks 1980

Description:

roy
drama – French Canadian
eight characters
four male; four female
two acts

exterior set.

Three families and the neighborhood drunk sit on their balconies in the Montreal summer. It is election time and Gaetan Bolduc drives around making promises that infuriate the families and their friends. We see the English and French Canadian working class take on the establishment.

Title: Barking Sharks

Author: Horovitz, Israel

Publisher: Samuel French 2003

Description:

roy
drama
seven characters
four male; three female
two acts

A solid hit with diverse audiences in Gloucester, New York City and Fairbanks, this startling town and country drama is built around the son of a Gloucester fisherman who finds himself, at age forty, living in New York City where he runs a hip ad agency in Tribeca. He dreams of his roots: of being a fisherman in the waters off Massachusetts. When he does follow his dream back to Gloucester, he brings havoc into the lives of friends and family.

Title: Becket; or, The Honour of God

Author: Anouilh, Jean translated by Lucienne Hill

Publisher: Eyre Methuen Ltd. 1961

Description:

roy
drama
twenty-eight characters
twenty four male; four female
four acts

representative set; period – England, twelfth century.

The friendship between King Henry II of England and Thomas Becket is severely strained when Henry, in what he believes to be a political coup over the Catholic Church, appoints Becket as the Archbishop of Canterbury. The appointment forces Becket to continually choose God over king in various matters and these choices finally force his murder by the king's men.

Title: Belle

Author: Gibson, Florence

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 2000

Description:

roy
drama – history
eight characters
four male; four female
twenty-three scenes

'The extraordinary story of two recently freed slaves, husband and wife, journeying to the north in search of a new life. When they encounter a white woman fighting for the suffrage movement, they become entwined in the social upheaval that epitomizes post Civil War America.'

Title: Bethune

Author: Langley, Rod

Publisher: Talonbooks 1975

Description:

roy
drama – Canadian – biography
twenty-nine characters
nineteen male; ten female (doubling possible)
three acts

A chronicle of the passionate life and times of Dr. Norman Bethune. Set in the slums of Detroit, in 1930's Montreal, in Civil War Spain and in China, the play paints a larger than life portrait of a remarkable man.

Title: Beyond the Horizon

Author: O'Neill, Eugene

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1947

Description:

roy
drama
nine characters
four male; five female
three acts

3 sets.

A young girl is torn between loving two brothers, one practical, one a poet, and she chooses the poet. The other brother goes to sea when the choice is made and the girl becomes quickly disillusioned with the poet when he proves incapable of making a living on the farm. The couple's only hope lies in the return of the brother who went to sea, but they are bitterly disappointed

Title: Big Doc's Girl

Author: Medearis, Mary

adapted by James Fuller

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company

1961

Description:

roy
drama
nine characters; extras
four male; five female
three acts

1 interior set.

The death of her father, the doctor in a poor farming community, and the necessity of placing her mother in a tuberculosis sanitarium just before her graduation, forces a young girl to shoulder the family responsibilities and make changes in her plans for her future.

Title: Black Chiffon

Author: Storm, Lesley

Publisher: Samuel French

1950

Description:

roy
drama
seven characters
three male; four female
three acts

1 interior set.

Extreme family tension causes a woman from a good home to unexpectedly steal a piece of lingerie. She is caught and psychiatric evidence can free her, however, rather than expose the family's problems she pleads guilty.

Title: Blood Orange

Author: Wiener, David

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc.

2006

Description:

roy
drama – relationships
seven characters
three male; four female
two acts

'Blood Orange' exposes the relationships simmering among the residents of a suburban cul-de-sac during the Orange County real-estate boom. Against a backdrop of sunburnt hills, Clinton and Ray-Ray and The Girl collide with their mothers, their rites of passage and each other. With slam-dance rhythm and punk dialogue, David Wiener's poetic and driven play explores the sensual and savage underbelly of the California hills and the cult of the American Man.

Title: Bone Cage

Author: Banks, Catherine

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 2008

Description:

roy
drama – Canadian
seven characters
four male; three female
two acts

Bone Cage is about the difficulty in growing and hanging on to dreams in a world where dreams are seen as impractical of weak. It is funny. It is tragic. It is about the different kinds of escaping. It is about a soul trapped in its own rib cage, a cage of bone, a Bone Cage.

Nominated for the 2008 Governor Generals Award.

Title: Bonjour La Bonjour

Author: Tremblay, Michel

translated by John Van Burek and Bill Glassco

Publisher: Talonbooks 1975

Description:

roy
drama – French Canadian
eight characters
two male; six female
thirty-one scenes

Serge returns from Europe to confront his family, the kinds of love they offer him and the kinds of love he needs from them.

Title: Boogie Woogie and Booker T

Author: Brown, Wesley

Publisher: Theatre Communications Group 1987

Description:

roy
drama – historical – political
seven characters
five male; two female
two acts

Booker T. Washington and the 1904 summit meeting of black leaders.

Title: Boy Gets Girl

Author: Gilman, Rebecca

Publisher: Faber and Faber 2000

Description:

roy
drama – women – social issues
seven characters
four male; three female
two acts

"A woman journalist from New York goes on a blind date with a friend of a friend, she sees no reason to continue the relationship – but the man, an attractive fellow...thinks otherwise... He starts violently to menace her and those around her."

Title: Brass Butterfly, The

Author: Golding, William

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company 1957

Description:

roy
drama
nine characters; extras
eight male; one female
three acts

1 interior set.

A young Greek inventor demonstrates to a Roman Emperor steam–power and gun powder but the Emperor is aware of the dangers of the inventive thinking that will change the world so quickly.

Title: Breaking The Code

Author: Whitmore, Hugh

Hodges, Andrew

Publisher: Samuel French 1987

Description:

roy
drama – biography
nine characters
seven male; two female
two acts

Turing was responsible for the success of the Allies in the Second World War. It was he who broke the immensely complex German code called "Enigma", enabling the Allied Forces to foresee all German war maneuvers. This intellectually brilliant but emotionally retarded man, to whom we owe not only our freedom from Nazism but also the computer was convicted of the criminal act of homosexuality and was sentenced to undergo highly dubious hormone treatments for the purpose of curing him. This play is about who he was, about what happened to him, and why.

Title: Breaking the Silence

Author: Poliakoff, Stephen

Publisher: Methuen & Co 1984

Description:

roy
drama – autobiographical
seven characters
five male; two female
two acts

Inspired by Poliakoff's own family after the Russian Revolution. The action takes place inside an enormous imperial railway carriage, but though the surroundings are opulent, the occupants are starving. The central characters are Nikolai, a wealthy Muscovite Jew and his wife, Eugenia, people who seem unable to compromise with change. Arbitrarily appointed Telephone Examiner of the Northern Railway, Nikolai completely ignores his duties in favour of scientific research which he claims is vital and which obsesses him. But such reckless behaviour can only bring trouble when

Title: Brecht on Brecht
An Improvisation

Author: Brecht, Bertolt translated by George Tabori

Publisher: Samuel French 1967

Description:

roy
revue
seven characters
four male; three female
two parts

An evening of readings and enactments from the works of Brecht.

Title: Brontes of Haworth Parsonage
A chronicle play of a famous family

Author: Davidson, John

Publisher: Frederick Muller Ltd. 1934

Description:

roy
drama – biography
nine characters
three male; six female
five acts

1 interior set.

This play depicts the lives of the three Bronte sisters as they turn to writing for solace and companionship to alleviate the frustrations given them by the restrictions of their time and to help them deal with the degrading life and death of their only brother.

Title: Butley

Author: Gray, Simon

Publisher: Methuen & Co 1971

Description:

roy
drama
seven characters
four male; three female
two acts

Butley is a play about a university lecturer, Ben Butley, who shares his office and his flat with a former pupil, Joey, now also a teacher. On the day when the play takes place Butley faces both the ultimate breakdown of his marriage and of his intense friendship with Joey. Butley's painful discoveries are made against a background of petty university politics and unease about student dissent. He greets them with a blistering torrent of repartee and rhetoric.

Title: Captives of the Faceless Drummer

Author: Ryga, George

Publisher: Talonbooks 1971

Description:

roy
drama – Canadian – political
seven characters; chorus
five male; two female
two acts

1 interior set.

A timeless, balanced and important statement about political kidnapping and terrorism.

Title: Catch Me If You Can

Author: Weinstock, Jack Gilbert, Willie

Publisher: Samuel French 1965

Description:

roy
drama
seven characters
five male: two female
three acts

"Daniel Corban is on his honeymoon in the Catskill Mountains of New York when his wife suddenly disappears. Frantic to locate her, he contacts Inspector Levine. While the two are discussing Elizabeth Corbin's disappearance, in comes Father Kelleher who magically produces Elizabeth. Daniel Corban denies that this woman is his wife, even though she can answer the Inspector's questions about her husband down to the last detail. Is she his wife? Has Daniel gone mad? Is the Priest involved in a scheme with Elizabeth to get life insurance?"

Title: Catlover

Author: Spence, Janis

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 1990

Description:

roy
Canadian – drama
eight characters
six male; two female
two acts

'With the unexpected return of her absent husband of nineteen years, Hester, chief caregiver of her father-in-law and her husband's ancient cat, reassesses her life during her apparent widowhood and, comparing it with her husband's adventures, decides its her turn.'

Title: Ceremonies In Dark Old Men

Author: Elder III, Lonnie

Publisher: Samuel French 1965

Description:

roy
drama – black play
seven characters; extras
five male; two female – all black cast
two acts

1 interior set.

A woman, tired of supporting her two brothers and her father, as well as housekeeping for them, decides to go on strike in hopes that they will get work. The men become involved in the criminal world and life becomes more unbearable than it was before.

Title: Chalk Garden, The

Author: Bagnold, Enid

Publisher: Samuel French 1956

Description:

roy
drama
nine characters
two male; seven female
three acts

1 interior set.

A mysterious woman insists on being hired as governess to an eccentric household and manifests many positive changes within the household until a dinner quest recognizes her as a case he had tried for murder.

Title: Children of a Lesser God

Author: Medoff, Mark

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1980

Description:

roy
drama
seven characters
three male; four female
two acts

representative set; requires extensive use of sign language.

A young teacher for the deaf falls in love with one of his students, marries her and attempts to help her adapt to the world outside the institution in which she was raised.

Title: Chimera

Author: Lill, Wendy

Publisher: Talonbooks 2007

Description:

roy
Canadian – political drama
seven characters
five male; two female
two acts

"A fearless examination of the ethics of stem cell research. More than this, the playwright turned politician turned playwright moors her script with a piquant yet comical narrative of a parliamentarian who wants answers, a journalist who wants a story, a scientist who wants her privacy, and a Cabinet Minister who just wants to do the right thing."

Title: Close Ties

Author: Diggs, Elizabeth

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1982

Description:

roy
drama – family relations
eight characters
three male; five female
two acts

1 interior set.

A warm-hearted, funny and eloquently written family drama which blends humor and compassion as it comes to grips with the problem of how best to provide for the family's aging, and perhaps senile, matriarch.

Title: Closure

Author: Blicq, Ron

Publisher: Samuel French 2009

Description:

roy
drama – family relations
seven characters
four male; three female
two acts

Donald Barlow, who lives in Nottingham, England, decides to search for his father who, he has discovered, was a visiting Canadian serviceman during World War II. Following his mother's death, Donald engages a search agency to find his father (Gordon Devereaux) and establish contact. But when the agency does find Devereaux, the elderly man vehemently denies his involvement with Donald's mother and categorically refuses to meet the man who claims to be his son. ☒ Donald's journalist daughter Claire refuses to give up and, using her married name, flies

Title: Clouds of Glory

Author: Lambert, Betty

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 1979

Description:

roy
Canadian – political – drama
eight characters
four male; four female
two acts

The contradictions between personal and social politics in contemporary Canada become evident when student riots erupt following the declaration of the War Measures Act in October 1970.

Title: Come Slowly, Eden
A portrait of Emily Dickinson

Author: Rosten, Norman

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1966

Description:

roy
drama – biography
seven characters
five male; two female
two parts

unit set; period – Massachusetts, Nineteenth century.

The letters and poems of Emily Dickinson are used to reveal the life of this reclusive American poet.

Title: Consecrated Ground

Author: Boyd, George

Publisher: Blizzard Publishing 1999

Description:

roy
Canadian – historical drama
seven characters
four male; three female
two acts

"In 1965, Africville, the largest and oldest Black community in Canada was bulldozed into memory. In 'Consecrated Ground', award-winning play-wright George Boyd retells the struggles of Africville's residents to save their homes and their dignity. With tremendous wit and gravity, George Boyd resurrects Africville on the verge of extinction, making us a gift of people believable in their vulnerabilities, their courage, and their outrage."

Title: Copper Thunderbird

Author: Clements, Marie

Publisher: Talonbooks 2007

Description:

roy
drama – biographical – Canadian – Norval Morrisseau – native peoples
eighteen characters
three male; five female; one boy (doubling)
two acts

This is a play based on the life of Norval Morrisseau. Captured by the power-lines which Morrisseau boldly defined in his art were the colours he experienced between his Ojibwa cosmology, his life on the street, and his spiritual and philosophical transformations to become the Father of Contemporary Native Art and a Grand Shaman. Appearing simultaneously in this multi-layered drama as a small boy, a young warrior and as an old man, Morrisseau confronts his many selves over the Faustian destiny he encountered during his vision quest – a momentary

Title: Country Girl, The

Author: Odets, Clifford

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1949

Description:

roy
drama
eight characters
six male; two female
two acts

representative set.

The wife of a once good actor is seen as a hindrance and a nag by the producers of a play in which the actor is trying to stage a comeback but in a moment of truth it is realized that the actor cannot work without the presence of his wife.

Title: Cue For Passion

Author: Rice, Elmer

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1959

Description:

roy
drama
seven characters
four male; three female
five scenes

1 interior set.

A young man, who has isolated himself from family and friends for two years, returns home to investigate his father's strange death six months earlier and is given more reason to pursue his suspicions when he discovers his mother has married the family's best friend.

Title: Dancing at Lughnasa

Author: Friel, Brian

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1993

Description:

roy
drama
eight characters
three male; five female
two acts

This extraordinary play is the story of five unmarried sisters, one with a young son. The action of the play is told through the memory of the illegitimate son as he remembers the five women who raised him, his mother and four maiden aunts. He is seven when his elderly uncle, a priest, returns after serving for 25 years as a missionary. The sisters acquire their first radio, whose music transforms them to shrieking, stomping banshess, and he meets his father for the first time, a charming Welsh drifter who strolls up the lane and sweeps his mother away.

Title: Dangerous Corner

Author: Priestley, J. B.

Publisher: Samuel French 1932

Description:

roy
melodrama
seven characters
three male; four female
three acts

1 interior set.

The closeness of a family and its friends is disrupted when their hypocrisies are exposed during the gradual revelation of the truth about a murdered man.

Title: Dark Harvest

Author: Pharis Ringwood, Gwen

Publisher: Thomas Nelson and Sons 1945

Description:

roy
drama – Canadian
seven characters
five male; two female
three acts

1 exterior set; 1930's costume.

"A trivial tragedy of the Prairies". For Gerth Hansen, wheat farmer, God is in the land and he struggles against it, alone.

Title: Dark Lady

Author: Sunde, Karen

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company 1988

Description:

roy
drama – historical
seven characters
four male; three female
two acts

bare Stage with props.

Set against the backdrop of plague-ridden Elizabethan England, this play offers a passionate, powerful answer to one of literature's great mysteries. Karen Sunde suggests that Shakespeare's Dark Lady of the sonnets' was Italian musician and poetess Emilia Bassano (1569–1645), mistress to England's Lord Chamberlain. Dark Lady is a powerful, passionate portrayal of two emotionally

Title: Davin: The Politician

Author: Mitchell, Ken

Publisher: NeWest Press 1979

Description:

roy
drama – Canadian – political
nine characters; extras
eight male; one female
three acts

various sets.

Canada's settlement is portrayed through the turbulent life of Nicolas Flood Davin: poet, politician, newspaperman and lover of Kate Simpson, one of Canada's first feminists.

Title: Day They Shot John Lennon, The

Author: McLure, James

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1984

Description:

roy
drama
nine characters
seven male; two female
full length

open stage.

"Comprised of a deftly blended series of encounters between a group of strangers who assemble at the site of John Lennon's assassination, the play captures the sense of shock and uncomprehending loss which followed that awful event."

Title: Days and Nights of Beebee Fenstermaker

Author: Snyder, William

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1963

Description:

roy
drama
eight characters
three male; five female
three acts

Snyder's heroine is a young, ambitious, romantic girl just out of college and established in her first tiny apartment. She is writing a novel, but when her savings give out she is forced to get a job, hopefully one which will leave her time for creative work. She ends up by working full time and writing in the evenings, but it is made clear to her that she really hasn't much literary ability, so she switches to painting. Eventually she comes to an acceptance of her condition, which includes the inability to create a permanent relationship with a man because of her overwhelming

Title: Dead Serious

Author: Greenall, Doug

Publisher: Playwrights Union of Canada 1989

Description:

roy
Canadian – thriller
seven characters
four male; two female; one dead man
two acts

"Terror strikes when employees at an isolated resort discover a guest brutally murdered. A teenage girl's belief in her younger brother's innocence is severely tested as the killings continue and it becomes clear that his obsession with a childhood game has become pathological."

Title: Deadly Game, The

Author: Yaffe, James

Duerrenmatt, Friedrich

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc.

1966

Description:

roy
thriller
eight characters
six male; two female
two acts

1 interior set.

Adapted from the novel "Trapps" by Frederich Duerrenmatt. An American salesman stranded in the mountains of Switzerland becomes the victim of his hosts, three retired men of the law, who amuse themselves by prosecuting, with deadly consequences, strangers who drop in on them.

Title: Dear Friends

Author: Rose, Reginald

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc.

1968

Description:

roy
drama
nine characters; extras
four male; five female
two acts

1 interior set.

A group of well-meaning couples get together to reunite a couple from their circle who were recently divorced. As the evening wears on, the couples nearly destroy their own marriages and friendships with their honesty.

Title: Debutante Ball, The

Author: Henley, Beth

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc.

1991

Description:

roy
comic drama
seven characters
two male; five female
two acts

This stunning comic drama begins the morning of Teddy Parker's debutante ball, that archetypal phenomenon in Southern culture known as a maiden's "coming out." Teddy's mother, the beautiful and formidable Jen Parker Turner, has willed this event into being. Ostracized from polite society ever since she was accused and acquitted of the murder of her wealthy husband, Jen has been looking to Teddy's coming-out gala to revive her family's reputation. As the play unfolds, various secrets emerge. This is a play about the price of secrets and the power that love and lovelessness

Title: Deep Blue Sea, The

Author: Rattigan, Terence

Publisher: Samuel French 1954

Description:

roy
drama
eight characters
five male; three female
three acts

1 interior set.

A woman who has left a devoted husband to live with her adventuresome lover attempts suicide when she realizes that she is caught between the two men. She is saved by the other tenants in her house and learns to face the conflict.

Title: Demon Wine

Author: Babe, Thomas

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1989

Description:

roy
drama
eight characters
six male; two female
two acts

"Jimmie, a salesman who loved his work, is thrown for a loop when his job is extirpated and seeks solace in bourbon."

Title: Destiny of Me, The
A play in three acts

Author: Kramer, Larry

Publisher: Penguin Books 1993

Description:

roy
drama – AIDS – homosexuality
seven characters
five male; two female
three acts

sequel to "The Normal Heart".

'The Destiny of Me' focuses on Ned Weeks, a character introduced in The Normal Heart, as he checks into the National Institutes of Health to undergo an experimental treatment for AIDS. Much of his story is told in flashback, as Ned recalls growing up as Alexander in a Jewish household where, as a hardcore theatre aficionado, he imitates Cornelia Otis Skinner and Mary Martin and

Title: Divinity Bash / nine lives

Author: MacDonald, Bryden

Publisher: Talonbooks 1999

Description:

roy
Canadian – drama
nine characters
five male, three female, one hermaphrodite
three acts

Everything, and therefore nothing, is sacred: sterile aliens abduct the unemployed while their boyfriends leave their wives and pour out their grief and longing by singing sentimental pop music at karaoke bars. It struts and frets its absurdities on a stage of collapsing and colliding walls; between the hell that is the here and now of the late 20th century and the possibility of a heaven far off at the horizon where the sea meets the sky like the converging pages of an open book: the edge of the margin on can always see, always move toward, but never get to. 'Divinity

Title: Down for the Weekend

Author: Moher, Frank

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 1981

Description:

roy
drama – Albertan
seven characters
six male; one female
two acts

open stage.

A young roughneck from Alberta's Tar Sands has big plans for his future – plans that implode violently on a weekend visit to Edmonton.

Title: Dr. Hero

Author: Horovitz, Israel

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1973

Description:

roy
vaudeville
seven characters
four male; three female
two acts

"The hero, who is named Hero, is born onstage. Thereafter comes scenes of childhood, education, army service, and then marriage – as Hero becomes Dr. Hero (PhD) and begins to assume the greatness which he knows is destined to be his."

Title: Dracula

Author: Stoker, Bram

adapted by H. Deane and John L. Balderston

Publisher: Samuel French

1933

Description:

roy
thriller
eight characters
six male; two female
three acts

3 interior sets.

When a doctor's daughter falls prey to a mysterious illness, the doctor calls in a specialist who recognizes the illness as the work of vampires and does everything possible to trap and kill the offenders.

Title: Dressing Gown, The

Author: Gilbert, Sky

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press

1984

Description:

roy
drama – Canadian
eight characters
seven male; one female
two acts

various interior sets.

A magical dressing gown is passed from person to person and evokes pointed questions about violence, male sexuality and the human condition.

Title: Drums Under The Windows

Author: O'Casey, Sean

adapted by Paul Shyre

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc.

1960

Description:

roy
drama – autobiography
seven characters; doubling
five male; two female
two acts

representative set.

Based on O' Casey's own writings about his life. The poverty of O'Casey's family and his neighbors, his introduction to the Synge, Yeats and Shaw, and the bloodiness of Easter Week provoke a nationalism that will show up later in the literary work of the young Irish man.

Title: Einstein's Gift

Author: Thiessen, Vern

Publisher: Miscellaneous 2003

Description:

roy
drama – biography
twelve characters; extras; musicians
five male; two female (doubling)
two acts

'A scientist who enhances life with his work and knowledge but discovers too late that knowledge in the wrong hands brings death. The ideal of 'science to serve humanity' is shown in sharp contrast against the reality of political will, nationalism and war. Chance pride, ego, and passion collide in this play based on the life and Nobel Laureate Dr. Fritz Haber, who risked everything for a country that never accepted him, but used his work to murder millions.'

Title: Elder Statesman, The

Author: Eliot, T. S.

Publisher: Samuel French 1959

Description:

roy
morality play
eight characters
five male; three female
three acts

2 sets.

An important retired statesman comes to terms with himself when two people from his past come back into his life and force him to face past actions which he did not deal with at the time because they were messy.

Title: Electra, The

Author: Euripides translated by Murray Gilbert

Publisher: George Allen and Unwin Ltd. 1944

Description:

roy
tragedy – verse play
nine characters; extras
seven male; two female
one act

speaking chorus.

'Greek tragedy based on legend. Punishment of Pentheus, King of Thebes, by Dionysis, god of wine, for his refusal to permit bacchanalian revels in Thebes.'

Title: Elephant Man, The

Author: Pomerance, Bernard

Publisher: Grove Press, Inc. 1979

Description:

roy
drama
eight characters
six male; two female (doubling possible)
two acts

representative set.

This play is based on the true story of John Merrick, a hideously deformed man who was exploited as a freak in a side show until a London doctor took on his case and showed him to be an intelligent sensitive human being.

Title: Enchanted April

Author: Barber, Matthew

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 2003

Description:

roy
romance
eight characters
three male; five female
two acts

'When two proper London housewives decide to rent a villa in Italy for a holiday away from their bleak marriages, they recruit two other, very different english women to share the cost and the experience. During their enchanted month in the Ligurian villa, the ladies fall under the spell of their idyllic, sun-drenched surroundings. There amid the wisteria blossoms, they rediscover laughter, learn new truths about themselves and find just the romance they need, though perhaps not the romance we - or they - expect to find.'

Title: Entertainer, The

Author: Osborne, John

Publisher: Faber and Faber 1957

Description:

roy
drama
seven characters
five female; two male
thirteen scenes

multiple sets.

A charming, unscrupulous, unsuccessful music hall entertainer and promoter alienates himself from his family as he manifests and expresses his belief that he does not care about anything or anyone anymore.

Title: Epitaph For George Dillon

Author: Osborne, John

Creighton, Anthony

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company

1958

Description:

roy
drama
nine characters
five male; four female
three acts

1 interior set.

A poor actor / playwright sponges off a family for which he has utter contempt and he gets trapped by his resentment of the mundanity of the family and his resentment of himself for needing their home.

Title: Equus

Author: Shaffer, Peter

Publisher: Samuel French

1973

Description:

roy
morality
nine characters; extras
five male; four female
two acts

1 setting.

Martin Dysart, a psychiatrist, is confronted with Alan Strang, a boy who has blinded six horses. To the owner of the horses the horror is simple: he was unlucky enough to employ a 'looney'. To the boys parents it is a hideous mystery; Alan had always adored horses, and although Dora Strang may have been a slightly overindulgent mother and Frank Strang a slightly tetchy father,

Title: Exiles

Author: Joyce, James

Publisher: Penguin Books

1952

Description:

roy
drama
seven characters
three male; four female
three acts

The story of a renowned writer returning to Dublin after nine years of exile.

Title: Fair Liberty's Call

Author: Pollock, Sharon

Publisher: Coach House Press 1995

Description:

roy
Canadian – drama – historical
eight characters
five male; three female
two acts

"1785. A Loyalist family that has fled from Boston to New Brunswick is joined by two other veterans, and a stranger whom they assume is a former Loyalist soldier. The stranger reveals himself to be a Rebel and a gunpoint demands justice for the death of his younger brother at the battle of Waxhaws. He gives them until dawn to choose one person for execution. As the Loyalists debate who among them is least worthy to live, each is forced to confront his own actions and conscience."

Title: Fanshen

Author: Hare, David

Publisher: Faber and Faber 1976

Description:

roy
drama
nine characters
seven male; two female
two acts

representative set; period – Central China, 1946.

Based on the book by William Hinton. In a relatively short period of time, a remote Chinese village evolves out of a feudal system into a Communist one. The play recounts in vividly dramatic form how the people of the village come to terms with Communism.

Title: Fantod, The
A Victorian reverie

Author: Gray, Amlin

Publisher: Plays in Process 1979

Description:

roy
drama
seven characters
four male; three female
two acts

unit set.

A man who dies at the front in the Crimean War sends his will to his widow and daughter in England via a man who experiments in 'spiritual' areas and who wants control of the estate.

Title: Fashion, Power, Guilt and the Charity of Families

Author: Shields, Carol

Shields, Catherine

Publisher: Blizzard Publishing

1995

Description:

roy
dramatic comedy – Canadian – family relations
seven characters
four male; three female (doubling)
two acts

"Explores the social and private worlds of the modern family in this funny, poignant, and gently challenging play. When a department of government bureaucrats begins to receive widespread complaints of loneliness, it attempts to legislate a remedy by creating a "family unit" which appears, on the surface at least, to be a stereotypical suburban family. But it is not until the "family unit" looks inward and addresses its problems – including the unspoken secret which has haunted the parents for years – that they become a real family. A uniquely contemporary

Title: Fen

Author: Churchill, Caryl

Publisher: Samuel French

1984

Description:

roy
drama – life
seven characters
one male; six female
twenty-one scenes

1 set.

"The play looks at the work situation and their private lives and dreams. In particular, we follow the story of Val, who leaves her husband and children to live with a farmworker, Frank. Other characters include Angela, the outsider who torments her stepdaughter Becky; Alice, who has turned to religion; Nell, who tries to assert her rights against the farmer; Shirley, who prides

Title: Fences

Author: Wilson, August

Publisher: Samuel French

1986

Description:

roy
drama – black play
seven characters
five male; two female
two acts

"...Troy Maxson, a former star of the Negro baseball leagues [is] working as a garbage man in 1957. Maxson sees the world as composed mostly of fences which enclose him. He is bitter that he was excluded from major league during his prime and was too old to play when the sport was finally integrated. Maxson's son wants a chance at professional sports, but Maxson refuses to let him try his luck. Troy Maxson does not see that not all the fences in his life are societal and that he is fencing in his family." Winner of Drama Desk, Outer Critics Circle, New York Drama Critics,

Title: Fifth of July

Author: Wilson, Lanford

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1982

Description:

roy
drama
eight characters
four male; four female
two acts

Ken, a legless Viet Nam veteran, and his lover, Jed, a horticulturist are visited by Ken's sister and her teenage daughter along with Gwen and John, old college friends. The action centers on Gwen's offer to buy the farm, which she plans to convert into a recording studio, and on Ken's Aunt Sally, who has come to the family homestead to scatter the ashes of her late husband. Their talk, as the play progresses, is sharp and funny and, in the final essence, deeply revealing of lost hopes and dreams and of the bitterness which must be fought back if one is to perceive the good

Title: Fire Raisers, The

Author: Frisch, Max

Publisher: Methuen & Co 1962

Description:

roy
drama – morality play
nine characters; extras
six male; three female
six scenes

A couple's indifference and fear to act when two arsonists ensconce themselves in their attic and prepare to fire the house and the neighborhood, results in the complete destruction of themselves and their home.

Title: Flight of the Earls, The

Author: Humble, Christopher

Publisher: Samuel French 1980

Description:

roy
drama – political
seven characters
four male; three female
two acts

The story of an Irish family torn by the violence of the political situation. Michael and Ian Earl are I.R.A. terrorists, planning a bombing. Brigitte, Michael's wife has been giving her husband money which she thinks is for his brother Keith, whom she thinks is imprisoned. Brigitte hopes that she and Michael will be able to emigrate to America and leave the violence behind. What she doesn't know is that her husband has been using her money to finance his terrorism. When she finally does realize this she stands up to her husband. A terrible argument ensues, and in the fight over

Title: For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide
When the rainbow is enuf

Author: Shange, Ntozake

Publisher: Bantam Books 1975

Description:

roy
drama – black play
all female cast; seven characters
seven female
one act

A celebration of being black and being a woman. A dramatic prose poem that has amazed audiences everywhere with its power and grace, with the freshness of its language, with the fierce beauty of its message to the world.

Title: Force of Nature
Based on Goethe's "Elective Affinities"

Author: Dietz, Steven

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 2003

Description:

roy
drama – relationships
nine characters
five male; four female
two acts

'A play of extravagant romance and combustible desire, (the play) brings together the "perfect couple" – Edward and Charlotte – with two persons from their past: a beautiful young woman and an older man, Edward's best friend. Beneath the placid exteriors of their lives, a storm is awakening – a rush of dangerous passions that shall alter their lives forever. Freely adapted from Goethe's "Elective Affinities", (the play) is a lush, eloquent drama about the consequences of desire and the power of destiny.'

Title: Forest, The

Author: Milner, Arthur

Publisher: Playwrights Guild of Canada 2001

Description:

roy
drama
nine characters
five male; four female
two acts

running time : 120 minutes.

'A modern fable about a remorseful captain of industry who pulls together an odd assortment of characters, including his three estranged daughters and two lost actors. Their mission? To establish a utopian society.'

Title: Foxhole In The Parlor

Author: Shelley, Elsa

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1946

Description:

roy
drama
seven characters
four male; three female; requires one black actor
three acts

unit set.

A musician's family and good friends are unsure of how to cope with him when he returns from war with no interest in his music and with an obsession to have a guarantee of peace from his country.

Title: Fragments

A sit-around

Author: Albee, Edward

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1995

Description:

roy
drama – relationships
eight characters
four male; four female
two acts

Several people sit together reading proverbs aloud to each other. From these proverbs are prompted stories of each one's past, or musings surrounding life-long mysteries. Each tries to tell about some incident which they hope will illuminate their own being; hoping the others will understand who they are. Each story flows to the next, with a musical quality to the randomness. Albee explains it this way: "FRAGMENTS lacks plot in any established sense; there is no clear dilemma and resolution—no 'story,' no apparent sequentially. The piece proceeds as a piece of

Title: Fragments of a Farewell Letter Read by Geologists

Author: Chaurette, Normand

Publisher: Talonbooks 1986

Description:

roy
drama – mystery
seven characters
six male; one female
two acts

"An engineer dies during an expedition to purify a river in Cambodia. His team of four geologists face a commissioned inquiry with minutely detailed accounts which fail to elucidate the mysterious tragedy. Rational thought and scientific jargon cloud the way to real understanding. Only the Asian engineer called in at the last minute perceives the essential."

Title: Frankenstein

Author: Shelley, Mary

adapted by Tim Kelly

Publisher: Samuel French

1974

Description:

roy
drama
eight characters
four male; four female
two acts

Victor Frankenstein, a brilliant young scientist, returns to his Swiss chateau to escape a terrible pursuer. No one can shake free the dark secret that terrifies him: not his mother, nor his fiancée, nor his best friend. Victor has brought into being a creature made from bits and pieces of the dead. The creature tracks down Victor and demands a bride to share its loneliness. Victor agrees and soon the household is invaded by murder, despair and terror!

Title: Freedomland

Author: Freed, Amy

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc.

1999

Description:

roy
family relations
seven characters
three male; four female
two acts

'Ages ago, Noah and his wife took their kids to the amusement park "Freedomland". After that trip, Noah's wife ran off and left him to raise the family. Now a retired professor of religion, Noah has married Claude, a sex therapist, and lives a secluded life in the family farmhouse. Breaking this seclusion are Noah's two daughters and son who return home for an impromptu reunion. An overdue showdown between the son and his father sets off fireworks that illuminate the neurosis, rage, and anxiety of one family – and of America at the turn of the millennium.'

Title: Gem of the Ocean

Author: Wilson, August

Publisher: Theatre Communications Group

2003

Description:

roy
African-American – historical drama
seven characters
five male; two female
two acts

Set in 1904 Pittsburgh, Gem of the Ocean is the play that begins August Wilson's ten-play cycle dramatizing the African American experience during the twentieth century. Aunt Esther, the drama's 285-year-old fiery matriarch welcomes into her Hill District home Solly Two Kings, who was born into slavery and scouted for the Union Army, and Citizen Barlow, a young man from Alabama searching for a new life.

Title: Gemini

Author: Innaurato, Albert

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1977

Description:

roy
drama
seven characters
four male; three female
two acts

1 exterior set.

A young man of Italian working class background is paid a surprise visit by two friends, a brother and sister of wealthy WASP upbringing. The visit comes at a crisis point in the man's life where he is trying to understand whether he is gay or heterosexual because he thinks he loves the brother more than the sister with whom he has had an affair.

Title: Genius, The

Author: Brenton, Howard

Publisher: Methuen & Co 1983

Description:

roy
drama
nine characters
five male; four female
two acts

representative set.

A mathematical genius attempts to hide in a small English university after he has discovered a major calculation which could forward world annihilation. He meets a student, who is also a genius, and who has come to the same equation in her math exercises. The meeting forces the man to confront his despair and the reality of the depths of man's knowledge.

Title: Genuine Fakes

Author: Lazarus, John

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 1987

Description:

roy
drama – Canadian
eight characters
four male; four female
two acts

Sharon bears an uncanny resemblance to a rock celebrity. She joins Genuine Fakes, a look alike agency, only to find that she prefers her alter-ego to her own... with near-disastrous results.

Title: Gideon's Blues

Author: Boyd, George

Publisher: Talonbooks 2004

Description:

roy
drama – racism
seven characters
four male; three female
two acts

The apple of Momma Lou's eye, Gideon embodies his parents' hope for a brighter future for their family. College educated with the tireless support and sacrifice of his parents, he was to be the one to break free of the ghetto, to enjoy an integrated family life with his newfound peers in a middle management, middle-class suburban community of comfortably conspicuous consumption. Yet because of racism and prejudice, he has yet to find a job better than a janitor to support his wife and two children. An endless string of interviews for more suitable employment,

Title: Girl Who Couldn't Quite

Author: Marks, Leo

Publisher: Samuel French 1951

Description:

roy
drama
seven characters
four male; three female
three acts

1 interior set.

A young girl who cannot laugh, meets a tramp who teaches her to do so but at the detriment of their friendship when the tramp becomes the person who discovers the trauma that closed the girl of joy.

Title: Girls of Summer

Author: Nash, N. Richard

Publisher: Samuel French 1956

Description:

roy
drama
eight characters
four male; four female
three acts

1 interior set.

A woman who has foregone love and marriage in order to raise her orphaned younger siblings is thrown into a dilemma when she finds herself attracted to her youngest sister's suitor.

Title: Good Mother

Author: Atkins, Damian

Publisher: Prism International 2001

Description:

roy
drama – memory loss, motherhood
nine characters
variable casting
two acts

'What would you do if suddenly your mom wasn't your mom any more? The Driver family struggles to cope with an accident that robs them of a mother and leaves them to care for her as she fights to regain her memory.'

Title: Goodnight Disgrace

Author: Mercer, Michael

Publisher: Talonbooks 1986

Description:

roy
Canadian – drama
seven characters
four male; three female
two acts

From his wheelchair in a nursing home, the aging Conrad Aiken recalls his long, stormy friendship with Malcolm Lowry. When Aiken is 40, Lowry's father pays him to tutor the young Malcolm. But the protege becomes Aiken's friend, and, gradually, a real literary contender. Mercer's powerful play reveals the shifts in the two men's relationship as they struggle with alcoholism, women, creative energy, and each other; and as the student metamorphoses into a rival. "I will be the one they remember," Lowry declares in their final scene together.

Title: Gross Indecency: The Three Trails of Oscar Wilde

Author: Kaufman, Moises

Publisher: Vintage Books 1998

Description:

roy
drama – historical biography – sexuality
all male cast; nine characters
nine male (doubling)
two acts

"An intimate look at the trial of the century that destroyed the most celebrated playwright of his time, Oscar Wilde. Within three short months Wilde went from the toast of the town, with two smash hits (The Importance of Being Earnest and An Ideal Husband) playing to packed houses, to complete humiliation and utter scorn. Using various texts, playwright Moises Kaufman has created a provocative exploration of the issues of censorship, sexuality, and the role of the artist in society. An absolutely gripping courtroom drama full of Wilde's trademark wordplay and

Title: Guide to Mourning, A

Author: Stickland, Eugene

Publisher: Playwrights Union of Canada 1998

Description:

roy
Canadian – drama – funeral – family
seven characters
four male; three female
two acts

"Wally Pringle is dead. His wife Deirdre mourns. The family gathers. The story of the Pringle family's quest to give Wally a decent funeral."

Title: Half Life

Author: Mighton, John

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 2005

Description:

roy
drama – canadian – love – aging
eight characters
three male; five female
fourteen scenes

"Two nursing home residents, both in their 80s, meet and fall in love, rekindling what might have been a wartime romance. Had they previously met somewhere else under different circumstances? Why is their love so troubling for their children? Indeed, the light at dusk is sometimes warmer and more enveloping than that of the midday sun. Characters navigate between being and appearance, between cowardice and dissoluteness..."
Winner of the Governor General's Literary Award.

Title: Hands Of Its Enemy, The

Author: Medoff, Mark

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1987

Description:

roy
drama
nine characters
four male; five female
two acts

unit set.

Employing an unimaginative play-within-a-play format, this compelling, suspenseful work brings together a group of volatile, creative people under conditions in which the dramatic elements of the play which they are rehearsing are soon paralleled in the real lives of the participants – with emotionally shattering results.

Title: Hasty Heart, The

Author: Patrick, John

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1945

Description:

roy
drama
nine characters
eight male; one female
three acts

1 interior set.

A proud and independent Scots soldier who is dying from a war wound is sent to an army hospital to spend the last few weeks of his life. His pride makes him a miserable person to live with but the other patients continue to try to be friendly and finally succeed in breaking through and teaching him the value of love and friendship.

Title: Hatful of Rain, A

Author: Gazzo, Michael V.

Publisher: Samuel French 1956

Description:

roy
drama
nine characters
seven male; two female
three acts

1 interior set.

A young man, whose war injuries have turned him into a drug addict, has not told his father or his pregnant wife of his habit. He confesses it and asks for their help when his world begins to fall apart as he can no longer hold a job, pay his pushers or keep his wife.

Title: Haunting of Hill House, The

Author: Jackson, Shirley adapted by Leslie, F. Andrew

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1992

Description:

roy
drama - suspense
seven characters
three male; four female
three acts

suggested for high school.

Cut off from the outside world by its remote location and shunned by all who know its forbidding and sinister reputation, Hill House has remained empty and silent except for the daily visits of its grumbling caretaker, Mrs. Dudley. Its isolation is broken by the arrival of Dr. Montague, an investigator of supernatural phenomena who has been granted a short lease by the present owner. His mission is to delve into the morbid history of the house and to come to grips

Title: Head, Guts and Soundbone Dance, The

Author: Cook, Michael

Publisher: Breakwater Books 1973

Description:

roy
drama – Canadian
seven characters
six male; one female; children as extras
two acts

"A tyrannical old Skipper fights to keep his vision of the past alive in the face of inevitable change and what he sees as moral decay."

Title: Heat

Author: Hauptman, William

Publisher: Samuel French 1975

Description:

roy
drama
nine characters
four male; five female
thirteen scenes

representative set.

In a small town somewhere in the American Southwest, a boy murders two teenage girls. Based on an actual incident in Tucson, Arizona, in 1964, " Heat " is a portrait of a psychotic, whose magnetic personality fascinates everyone who knows him. After his first murder, Carroll Prine, marries his best friend's girl and tries to settle down to a normal existence by starting an

Title: Hedda Gabler

Author: Ibsen, Henrik

Publisher: Appleton–Century–Crofts Inc. 1961

Description:

roy
drama – women
seven characters
three male; four female
four acts

1 interior set.

A woman whose excessive boredom causes her to manipulate people in attempts for control over them, kills herself when her plans fall through and she loses everyone around her.

Title: Heiress, The

Author: Goetz, Ruth

Goetz, Augustus

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc.

1948

Description:

roy
drama
nine characters
three male; six female
two acts

1 interior set; period – New York, 1850.

Based on the novel 'Washington Square' by Henry James. A shy, plain young woman whose life is dominated by her father, a very successful doctor who is disappointed in his daughter, falls desperately in love with a charming fortune hunter. When her father forbids the match, the girl proposes an elopement and is jilted. When the man comes back into her life, she rejects him.

Title: Hellfire Pass

A carpenter's trilogy

Author: Rossi, Vittorio

Publisher: Talonbooks

2007

Description:

roy
drama – autobiographical – historical – family relations
seven characters
four male; three female
two acts

1956. Silvio Rosato, a decorated WWII veteran, shows up at the house of his father, Eduardo Rosato, who had abandoned him and his mother in Italy in 1920 to start a new life and family for himself in Chicago. Silvio's Italian-American half-siblings are fascinated by this stranger who has suddenly appeared. Handsome, assured and accomplished, there is something not quite right, something sinister about this visitor, with his air of familiarity and the distant, impenetrable look in his eyes. This mystery begins Hellfire Pass, part one of Rossi's autobiographical 'A Carpenter's

Title: Henceforward

Author: Ayckbourn, Alan

Publisher: Samuel French

1988

Description:

roy
comic drama
seven characters
three male; four female
two acts

"Lonely composer Jerome sits surrounded by sophisticated, high-tech audio-visual equipment. His only company is a robot nanny, NAN 300F. Jerome desperately wants to get his teenage daughter back and enlists the services of Zoe, an out-of-work actress, to implement a cunning plan he's evolved to impress his estranged wife and a wired-for-sound child welfare officer. When things don't work out with Zoe, Jerome has to improvise... It's amazing what can be done with some new micro chips and a screwdriver."

Title: Hey You, Light Man!

Author: Hailey, Oliver

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1970

Description:

roy
drama – theatre
seven characters
three male; four female
two acts

"Ashley Knight, a leading man, has decided to live onstage in the set of his current hit. The play being a sophisticated comedy, the set is quite lavish. As he is settling down, brandy in hand, a woman comes out of the empty orchestra and asks directions for getting out of the theatre. She has fallen asleep during the performance and now the doors are locked. This is Lula Roca, a rather plain and frumpy young widow whose husband, a stagehand, was recently killed by a falling sandbag."

Title: Hide and Seek

Author: Havard, Lezley

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1980

Description:

roy
thriller
nine characters
four male; four female; one young girl
three acts

1 interior set.

'Couple moves to old farmhouse where a little girl died five years earlier. Her ghost still haunts farmhouse.'

Title: Hippolytus, The

Author: Euripides translated by Gilbert Murray

Publisher: George Allen and Unwin Ltd. 1902

Description:

roy
tragedy
eight characters; chorus
four male; four female
one act

1 exterior set.

'Verse play. Greek tragedy based on legend. Scorned by chaste stepson Hippolytus, Phaedra arranges his destruction by falsely accusing him to his father, Theseus. Speaking chorus.'

Title: Home At Seven

Author: Sherriff, R. C.

Publisher: Samuel French 1950

Description:

roy
thriller – murder
seven characters
five male; two female
three acts

1 interior set.

A man's twenty four hour memory lapse is taken advantage of by a murderer and thief who sets his crime up to incriminate the amnesiac.

Title: Homechild

Author: MacLeod, Joan

Publisher: Talonbooks 2008

Description:

roy
drama – history
eight characters
three male; five female
two acts

Homechild is an evocative and tender tale of family bonds, lineage and the endurance of love. It centres on Alistair MacEachern, a crotchety, funny and fearless farmer. For 70 years he has silently longed for the sister he left behind in Scotland. This story unearths the secret and the shame of the 100,000 Home Children sent to Canada from Britain between 1860 and 1930.

Title: Hotel Universe

Author: Barry, Philip

Publisher: Samuel French 1930

Description:

roy
drama
nine characters
five male; four female
three acts

1 exterior set.

A group of friends stop in France to visit a friend and her sick father who are living in a place that has legends attached to it. At the house, the guests experience moments of truth from their pasts and learn how to face themselves in the present.

Title: Hound of the Baskervilles

Author: Leslie, F. Andrew

Doyle, Arthur Conan

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc.

1977

Description:

roy
mystery – Sherlock Holmes
nine characters
seven male; two female
two acts

'Dramatization of Doyle's novel. Holmes and Watson solve the case of the eerie howling on the moor and the strange deaths at Baskerville.'

Title: House In Blind Alley, The

Author: Rice, Elmer

Publisher: Samuel French

1916

Description:

roy
drama
twenty-nine characters
twenty male; nine female (requires several children)
three acts

representative set.

Using the characters of Mother Goose and other various fairy tales, this play depicts the evils of child labour.

Title: How Could You Mrs. Dick?

Author: Rodger, Douglas

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press

1989

Description:

roy
drama – Canadian
eight characters
five male; three female
two acts

A 'whodunit' with a difference – a fascinating theatrical exploration of the notorious Torso Murder case of the 1940's. Evelyn MacLean, beautiful, pleasure-bent, flush with dark family secrets and mysterious money, seduces 40 year old Mennonite bachelor John Dick. Their brief marriage resulted in a gruesome murder, a spell-binding court case, and even more ghastly revelations which have resonated in the Canadian psyche to this day.

Title: Hurlyburly

Author: Rabe, David

Publisher: Samuel French 1985

Description:

roy
dramatic comedy
seven characters
four male; three female
three acts

Dramatic comedy chronicles post-Vietnam War American lives among jaded jet set in Los Angeles.

Title: I Am A Camera

Author: Van Druten, John

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1952

Description:

roy
drama
seven characters
three male; four female
three acts

1 interior set; period – Berlin, 1930's.

An adaptation of 'The Berlin Stories' by Christopher Isherwood. A serious young English writer becomes friends with a dreamy, irresponsible, but charming young actress who lives in the same boarding house as he does.

Title: Immoralist, The

Author: Goetz, Ruth Goetz, Augustus

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1962

Description:

roy
drama
eight characters
six male; two female
three acts

2 interior sets.

Based on the novel of the same title by Andre Gide. A young man desperately marries a childhood friend in hopes that a homosexual encounter of his youth was not a permanent indication that he is homosexual. However, as he comes to know and accept his homosexuality, he begins unintentionally to destroy his wife's self-respect as he becomes increasingly alienated from her.

Title: Inadmissible Evidence

Author: Osborne, John

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company 1965

Description:

roy
drama
eight characters
three male; five female
two acts

1 interior set.

A lawyer who is ruthless and underhanded in both his personal life and his practice, begins to fall apart as his clients, his employees, his family, and his mistress leave him to go where they are better appreciated.

Title: Inspector Calls, An

Author: Priestley, J. B.

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1945

Description:

roy
drama
seven characters
four male; three female
three acts

An inspector calls on a respectable British family with a routine inquiry into a young girl's suicide. His interrogation affects the family members' consciences and each person realizes that they were all responsible for her death.

Title: Invisible Friends

Author: Ayckbourn, Alan

Publisher: Faber and Faber 1991

Description:

roy
drama – adolescents
seven characters
four male; three female
two acts

"Cautionary drama about troubled teenage girl who conjures up idealized family."

Title: It's All True

Author: Sherman, Jason

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 2000

Description:

roy
drama – historical – American
eight characters; extras
four male; four female
one act (full length)

"New York 1937. Art and politics collide when the government padlocks the doors of the theatre on the opening of the Marc Blitzstein's "The Cradle Will Rock". The director, Orson Welles, marches the actors and most of the audience down Seventh Avenue and finds another theatre, and in one brilliant stroke makes theatre history. As much a play for our times as it is about and historical event."

Title: Jacob's Wake

Author: Cook, Michael

Publisher: Talonbooks 1975

Description:

roy
drama – Canadian
seven characters
five male; two female
two acts

A storm of elemental proportions mirrors the forces unleashed by painful memories at a family gathering in a Newfoundland outport.

Title: Jeweler's Shop, The

Author: Pope John Paul II

Publisher: Samuel French 1980

Description:

roy
drama – religious – musicals
seven characters
three male; four female
two acts

"This powerful and poetic drama explores relationships and aspects of human existence as expressed through love and marriage. The central storyteller Adam, the mystical Jeweler, makes wedding rings for village couples. His spirit goes with each ring, an unseen force to keep the wearer happily in love. When the love dynamic sputters, he helps sort things out for the couples in the play."

Title: Jitney

Author: Wilson, August

Publisher: Samuel French 2002

Description:

roy
drama – black history
nine characters
eight male; one female
two acts

Set in 1970 in the Hill District of Pittsburgh that is served by a makeshift taxi company, Jitney is a beautiful addition to the author's decade by decade cycle of plays about the black American experience in the twentieth century.

Winner of the New York Drama Critics Award for Best New Play and the Outer Critics Circle Award for Outstanding Off Broadway Play.

Title: Joking Apart

Author: Ayckbourn, Alan

Publisher: Samuel French 1979

Description:

roy
drama
eight characters
four male; four female
two acts

1 exterior set.

A naturally charming and successful couple unconsciously cause the lives of those who surround them to seem and become mediocre.

Title: Killdeer, The

Author: Broad, Jay

Publisher: Samuel French 1974

Description:

roy
dramatic comedy
nine characters
seven male; two female
two acts

A day in the life of Ted and Sparky Snyder dramatizes what happens to an American couple that strives for the good life but finds only failure amid the rat race. Ted comes home after making the biggest sale of his life to find his children screaming obscenities and his wife contemplating suicide.

Title: King Richard III

Author: Shakespeare, William

Publisher: Routledge 1981

Description:

roy
drama – tragedy – historical
thirty nine characters; numerous extras
thirty-four male; five female
five acts

"Richard III is essentially a melodrama with the spectator's interest centered upon the arch-villainy of Richard, Duke of Gloucester, whose Machiavellian scheming at last gains for him the crown. Richard's wickedness is so complete, and he is so perfect in his role, that the spectator watches with morbid fascination as his misdeeds follow in logical sequence."

Title: Kite, The

Author: Mitchell, W. O.

Publisher: Playwrights Guild of Canada 2003

Description:

roy
drama – Canadian
nine characters
eight male; one female
one act

'By early May kites hang in the foothills wind, but none hangs higher or performs with more acrobatic skill than the kite of Daddy Sherry, the oldest man in the world. Daddy has flown the kite of his life for almost one-hundred and seventeen years. Between the personal deeds of his birth and his death, he has known that the string is thin, that it can be dropped, snapped. Daddy has lived always with the awareness of his own mortality and has refused to settle for less. Time and death and Daddy Sherry insist: never settle for less.'

Title: Knockout

Author: La Russo II, Louis

Publisher: Samuel French 1978

Description:

roy
drama
seven characters
five male; two female
two acts

1 interior set.

An aging ex-champion boxer who is now a trainer, and a young sadistic champion boxer fight for the love of the woman who is the young boxer's wife.

Title: Knuckle

Author: Hare, David

Publisher: Faber and Faber 1978

Description:

roy
drama – history
seven characters; extras
five male; two female
two acts (parts)

'Philosophical mystery examining societal corruption. Arms dealing soldier of fortune returns to England to investigate possible suicide or murder of idealistic sister and possible guilt of banker father.'

Title: Lace On Her Petticoat

Author: Stuart, Aimee

Publisher: Samuel French 1951

Description:

roy
drama
seven characters
two male; five female
three acts

Stuart is telling the story of two little girls, on an island off the west coast of Scotland in 1890, who take great fancy to one another. One is the daughter of a young widow who owns a shop in Glasgow, and the other is the child of the local peer, and, though the children have developed a genuine mutual fondness, the mother and grandmother of the poor girl are sure that nothing good will come of it. For a time it seems that their suspicions are unjustified, but, finally, class lines are drawn, and the hearts of the two little girls are broken.

Title: Ladies In Retirement

Author: Percy, Edward Denham, Reginald

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1940

Description:

roy
mystery
seven characters
one male; six female
three acts

1 interior set.

A retired actress is killed by her housekeeper when she does not allow the housekeeper's two eccentric sisters to live in her house. The three sisters stay on in the house but the murder begins to nag the conscience of the housekeeper.

Title: Lady Audley's Secret; or, Death In Lime Tree Walk

Author: Burton, Brian J.

Braddon, Mary

Publisher: Cambridge Jackson Limited

1966

Description:

roy
drama
eight characters
four male; four female
three acts

representative set.

Based on the novel by Mary Braddon. A woman's act of bigamy is discovered when her second husband's nephew, who is her first husband's best friend, suspects her of murder when his friend suddenly disappears.

Title: Lady From The Sea, The

Author: Ibsen, Henrik

translated by Clara Bell

Publisher: Walter H. Baker

1890

Description:

roy
drama
eight characters
five male; three female
five acts

4 sets.

A woman must choose between staying with her husband or leaving with her pre-marriage lover who has come back into her life, but she can only choose after she has been given the right of free will from both men.

Title: Language of Angels

Author: Iizuka, Naomi

Publisher: Playscripts, Inc.

2002

Description:

roy
drama – ghost stories
eight characters
four male; four female
three parts

An eerie cycle of ghost stories, set in the cave country of North Carolina. After a young girl is lost in a cave on the edge of town, there is a Rashomon-like investigation of her disappearance and the fate of those who survive her.

Title: Last Adam, The

Author: Rossi, Vittorio

Publisher: NuAge Editions 1995

Description:

roy
drama – family relations
seven characters
three male; four female
two acts

"Set in the present, the story is of the Leones, who are not unlike the Corleones when they lecture each other on the priority of the family and the need to protect it from the entanglement of 'business.' Here, however, the criminality is not overt; it lurks on the peripheries and in the past of a normal middle-class existence... "

Title: Last Journey of Captain Harte

Author: Warren, Dianne

Publisher: NuAge Editions 1999

Description:

roy
drama – Canadian
seven characters
four male; three female
two acts

When Marguerite Waker receives a faraway phone call from the nomadic Captain Harte, an old friend of her husband, her imagination is awakened. As Captain Harte makes his circuitous way home, Marguerite follows his journey and prepares for a different life.

Title: Last Real Summer, The

Author: Graves, Warren

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 1981

Description:

roy
drama – Albertan
eight characters
three male; five female
two acts

open stage.

In this memory play, the older Lizzie reflects on her youth and the choices which led her to her current unrest.

Title: Last Romantics

Author: MacLennan, Michael Lewis

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 2003

Description:

roy
drama
eight characters
five male; three female
two acts

running time: 130 minutes.

'Ranging from the drawing rooms of fin-de-siecle London with Oscar Wilde and Aubrey Beardsley, to Canada on the eve of the Great Depression. The play chronicles the staggering triumphs and losses of the now-forgotten brilliant artistic duo Charles Ricketts and Charles Shannon, to create a vivid portrait of a world left behind by the dawning of the modern age.'

Title: Laura

Author: Caspary, Vera

Sklar, George

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1942

Description:

roy
mystery – thriller
eight Characters
five male; three female
three acts

1 interior set.

A police lieutenant falls in love with the murder victim whose death he is investigating, only to have the victim walk in the door as alive as he is.

Title: Leaving Home

Author: French, David

Publisher: General Publishing 1972

Description:

roy
drama – Canadian
seven characters
four male; three female
two acts

A realistic drama of the late fifties, in which a Newfoundland family attempts to make a new life in Toronto. On the eve of their youngest son's wedding, they see their family break up.

Runner-up, 1972 Chalmers Canadian Play Award.

Title: Lemon Sky

Author: Wilson, Lanford

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1970

Description:

roy
drama
seven characters
four male; three female; two boys.
three acts

A high school graduate moves to California to live with his father and his father's new family while he goes to school and works part-time. The visit forces the boy to face a father he had not dreamed of and does not like.

Title: Lie of The Mind, A

Author: Shepard, Sam

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1986

Description:

roy
drama – family relations
eight characters
four male; four female
three acts

4 interior sets.

"The story involves two desperate families connected by the marriage of the son of one to the daughter of the other. As the play begins, Beth, brain damaged from a savage beating which Jake has given her, is being tended to by her parents. Jake sends his brother to Montana to see if she is alive or dead, but Beth's father, mistaking him for a poacher, shoots him in the leg and takes

Title: Lies My Father Told Me

Author: Allan, Ted

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 1983

Description:

roy
drama – Canadian
eight characters
six male; two female
two acts

A boy in 1920's Montreal begins to see the lies most adults live by behind the visions and dreams related to him by his grandfather.

Title: Life, A

Author: Leonard, Hugh

Publisher: Samuel French 1980

Description:

roy
drama
eight characters
four male; four female
two acts

unit set; play requires accents.

An older man learns that he is terminally ill and attempts to amend past wrongs while recalling moments from the past that brought him to where he is at the present.

Title: Lilies

Author: Bouchard, Michel Marc

Publisher: Miscellaneous 1990

Description:

roy
romantic drama – gay men
all male cast; nine characters
nine male
seven episodes

'The revival of a romantic drama. Simon Doucet re-enacts for Jean Bilodeau, now a Catholic bishop, their past as lovers while rehearsing The Martyrdom of Saint Sebastian.'

Title: Little Something to Ease the Pain, A

Author: Aloma, Rene

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 1980

Description:

roy
drama – Canadian
eight characters
six male; two female
two acts

interior and exterior sets.

After a self-imposed exile of seventeen years, Paye returns to Cuba to confront his past and determine his future.

Title: Living At Home

Author: Giardina, Anthony

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1979

Description:

roy
drama
eight characters
four male; four female
two acts

'Problems arise as college drop-out faces concerned family and uncertain future.'

Title: Living Room, The

Author: Greene, Graham

Publisher: Samuel French 1953

Description:

roy
drama
seven characters
two male; five female
two acts

1 interior set.

Tragedy strikes when two spinsters and their brother, a parapalegeic priest, through incompetence and rigid morality are incapable of dealing with the affair between their orphaned niece and a married man, the executor of the girl's parents' will.

Title: Loss Of Roses, A

Author: Inge, William

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1959

Description:

roy
drama
eight characters
four male; four female
two acts

1 interior set; period – Kansas City, 1933.

A brief affair between an old family friend who is an unemployed circuit actress, and a young man, frees the young man from his Psychological ties to his mother and kills all life in the actress as she returns to her boyfriend who will act as her pimp.

Title: Lost and Found

Author: Daniels, Dan

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 199?

Description:

roy
Canadian – drama
seven characters
five male; two female
two acts

"A city magically found is lost. The ridiculous is confronted in a nightmare unleashed and threatening all – and the city that ought to be."

Title: Lost in Yonkers

Author: Simon, Neil

Publisher: Penguin Books 1993

Description:

roy
drama
seven characters
four male; three female
two acts

"Lost in Yonkers" is Neil Simon's moving drama about the cruelties and painful memories that scar a family. It is New York, 1942. After the death of their mother, two young brothers are sent to stay with their formidable grandmother for the longest ten months of their lives. For grandmother Kurnitz is a one-woman German front – a refugee and a widow who has steeled her heart against the world. But it is Bella's hunger for affection and her refusal to be denied love that saves the boys – and that leads to an unforgettable, wrenching confrontation with her mother.

Title: Love From A Stranger

Author: Vosper, Frank

Publisher: Samuel French 1936

Description:

roy
thriller
eight characters
four male; four female
three acts

2 interior sets.

An English woman breaks off her engagement and marries a charmer of a man in less than six weeks after meeting him, only to discover that she has married a man wanted for the murders of his five wives in America.

Title: Love Valour Compassion

Author: McNally, Terrence

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1995

Description:

roy
drama – men – relationships – homosexuality – AIDS
all male cast; seven characters
seven male
three acts

'Eight gay men spend three summer holiday weekends at country house in Dutchess County, New York.'

Title: Mail Order Bride, The

Author: Clinton, Robert

Publisher: Blizzard Publishing 1988

Description:

roy
Canadian – drama
seven characters
four male; three female
two acts

Rich with humour and the bittersweet realities of a time gone by, 'The Mail Order Bride' is a vivid, moving, and often surprising evocation of the true nature of family and love.

Title: Makers Of Violence, The

Author: Gittings, Robert

Publisher: Heinemann Educational Books Ltd. 1951

Description:

roy
drama – verse
nine characters
eight male; one female
two acts

1 set; period – England, 1012.

The Archbishop of Canterbury is held for ransom by Danish and Norwegian invaders but his pacifist personality and his Christian theology spark dissent between the allied camps.

Title: Man And Boy

Author: Rattigan, Terence

Publisher: Samuel French 1963

Description:

roy
drama
seven characters
five male; two female
three acts

1 interior set.

An international financier, who has no qualms about exploiting people to increase his kingdom, uses his son without any regard for the young man's feelings, as he tries to save his business world which is falling apart.

Title: Man, The

Author: Dinelli, Mel

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1950

Description:

roy
thriller
seven characters
five male; two female
two acts

1 interior set.

An older woman hires a strange young man to help her with her spring cleaning, only to be imprisoned in her home and threatened with death.

Title: Margin For Error

Author: Boothe, Clare

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1940

Description:

roy
drama
nine characters
seven male; two female
two acts

1 interior set; period – 1930.

When the vicious Nazi consul is murdered in the consulate in America, the search for the murderer reveals that several people had the motive and opportunity to kill him.

Title: Massacre Of Peterloo, The

Author: Hipkin, John

Publisher: Heinemann Educational Books Ltd. 1968

Description:

roy
drama
thirty-nine characters; extras
twenty-five male; fourteen female
seven parts

representative set; period – Manchester, England, 1819.

This play depicts the planning and execution of a working class people's demonstration for better working conditions in the mills and for government representation in parliament. The demonstration ended in a massacre of the demonstrators by the authorities.

Title: Mecca

Author: Whitehead, Ted

Publisher: Faber and Faber 1977

Description:

roy
drama
seven characters
five male; two female
two acts

1 exterior set.

Around a swimming pool lounge a group of English tourists, cool drinks within reach – a familiar holiday scene. But this particular pool is in Morocco; beyond the wall that surrounds it is poverty, squalor, prohibition and colonial heritage of social, economic and sexual resentment and repression. The smallest chink in the barrier which keeps these two worlds apart can – and does –

Title: Milk Train Doesn't Stop Here Anymore, The

Author: Williams, Tennessee

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1963

Description:

roy
drama
seven characters
four male; three female
six scenes

unit set.

A handsome young poet, nicknamed the 'angel of death', drops in on a reclusive, selfish old woman, who refuses to deal with the fact that she is dying.

Title: Minor Murder

Author: Denham, Reginald

Orr, Mary

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc.

1967

Description:

roy
drama
eight characters
three male; five female
two acts

1 interior set.

When a woman decides to separate her daughter from her best friend because she feels their relationship is becoming too unhealthy, the daughter and her friend murder her.

Title: Mistress Of Mellyn

Author: Holt, Victoria

adapted by Mildred C. Kuner

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company

1961

Description:

roy
thriller
nine characters
two male; seven female
three acts

1 interior set.

A new governess to the unhappy home of a strict widower and his unruly ward manages to win the affection of members of the household and to incur the wrath of two women intent on marrying the man.

Title: Modigliani

Author: McIntyre, Dennis

Publisher: Samuel French

1980

Description:

roy
drama
seven characters
six male; one female
three acts

various interior and exterior sets.

The play takes place in Montparnasse in 1916. Unable to sell his paintings and unable to work, Modigliani decides to leave Paris. A robbery attempt aided by his friends fails. He seeks money from Zbo, his agent, who informs him he's about to meet Cheron, an influential art dealer. Frightened of failure he finally agrees to meet him only to discover Zbo has given away his best

Title: Mors Draculae

Author: Graves, Warren

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 1979

Description:

roy
drama – Albertan
eight characters
six male; two female
two acts

2 interior sets.

Lucy and Count Dracula are together again in a gloomy castle in Suffolk. Van Helsing believes he knows what's wrong with Lucy; so does the charming but mysterious count.

Title: Mound Builders, The

Author: Wilson, Lanford

Publisher: Hill and Wang 1976

Description:

roy
drama
seven characters
three male; four female
two acts

1 interior set.

A group of archeologists make an important discovery in some Indian mounds the summer before the mounds are destined to be flooded by a dam.

Title: Mountain Memory

A play about Appalachian life

Author: Linney, Romulus

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1997

Description:

roy
drama – history – America
eight characters
five male; three female (flexible casting)
two acts

suggested for high school.

An allegory for the history of America, Linney takes us on a journey into the lives of a family, whose members are known only as Father, Mother and Daughter. They experience two hundred years of changing times and American history, constantly struggling to hold onto their land and their dignity in the face of great evil and temptation.

Title: Mousetrap, The

Author: Christie, Agatha

Publisher: Samuel French 1954

Description:

roy
mystery
eight characters
five male; three female
two acts

1 interior set.

A group of people, one of whom is a murderer, are trapped in an isolated boarding house by a snowstorm.

Title: Murder Has Been Arranged, A

Author: Williams, Emlyn

Publisher: Samuel French 1928

Description:

roy
thriller
nine characters
four male; five female
three acts

1 interior set.

Description not available.

Title: Murder In Company

Author: King, Philip Boland, John

Publisher: Samuel French 1973

Description:

roy
mystery
eight characters
four male; four female
three acts

A Dramatic Society is assembling on the stage to rehearse a mystery-thriller under its dictorial director Philip Stephens. Events and strains within the company, more than equal those in the play. Philip's wife is friendlier than is wise with a young man of the company, a 'proowler' is in the neighborhood and attacks one of the girls, an unpleasant caretaker tries a little blackmail and one of the women seems to know him from the past. The rehearsal proceeds under difficulties until the mysterious death of the caretaker brings the situation of the who-dunnit even more closely into

Title: Murder On Arrival

Author: Batson, George

Publisher: Samuel French 1960

Description:

roy
mystery
seven characters
four male; three female
three acts

1 interior set.

A widowed artist rents an isolated cottage which was the scene of one murder three years earlier and the scene of another the night before her arrival. The artist decides to stay anyway but nearly becomes the third victim when she accidentally learns the identity of the murderer.

Title: My Cousin Rachel

Author: Morgan, Diana

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1980

Description:

roy
drama – relationships
seven characters
five male; two female
two acts

'Dramatization of Daphne du Maurier's novel of suspense. Upon arrival at late husband's Cornwall estate, now owned by his nephew, young Italian widow falls under the suspicion of murder.'

Title: Mystery Of The Masked Girl, The

Author: Monsell, Helen A.

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company 1931

Description:

roy
mystery
all female cast; nine characters
nine female
three acts

1 interior set.

When two summer students rent the room of a young scientist who has been the victim of an attempted murder, they get more than they bargain for as people run in and out of their room looking for the secret formula he was about to market.

Title: Never Tell

Author: Christy, James

Publisher: Playscripts, Inc. 2007

Description:

roy
drama – friendship
eight characters
five male; two female (flexible casting)
two acts

Never Tell centers around two enigmatic creations: a controversial video installation that includes documentary-style footage of a rape, and a ground-breaking computer program with vast business potential. The creations tear apart a lifelong friendship between slacker computer programmer Manny and ambitious gallery-owner Will, transforming the lives of those closest to them. Will becomes a media celebrity as a result of the installation, while Manny's computer program is stolen in a surreal corporate power play. A story of friendship and betrayal presented

Title: Never the Sinner

Author: Logan, John

Publisher: Samuel French 1999

Description:

roy
drama
all male cast; seven characters
seven male
two acts

Chicago, May 21, 1924. Nathan Leopold Jr., age 18, and Robert Loeb, age 19, killed 14 year old Bobby Franks and were quickly apprehended when Leopold's glasses were found near the corpse. Clarence Darrow defended them, pleading eloquently against capital punishment. Why would wealthy young men murder an innocent boy? What demons lurked behind Leob's flashing good looks? Behind Leopold's saturnine intellect? This exquisite Off Broadway hit explores the complex relationship between these two who longed to create a private world of fevered intellect and

Title: New Jerusalem

The Interrogation of Baruch de Spinoza at Talmud Torah Congregation

Author: Ives, David

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 2009

Description:

roy
drama – historical – racism
seven characters
five male; two female
two acts

Baruch de Spinoza is a young merchant and the heir apparent of Saul Mortera, the chief Rabbi of Amsterdam. But Amsterdam's Sephardic Jews have made a fatal arrangement with the city: They have agreed to police their own community for unorthodox beliefs. When the city accuses Spinoza of atheism, Mortera must summon Baruch to the synagogue to defend himself. Spinoza's best friend, his sister and the woman he loves are all drawn into the controversy, a historical event that shook up not only the entire Jewish community of Amsterdam, but changed Spinoza's and

Title: Night Must Fall

Author: Williams, Emyln

Publisher: Samuel French 1962

Description:

roy
thriller
nine characters
four male; five female
three acts

Dan is a bellboy in a resort hotel remotely located in Essex, England. Having seduced Dora Parkoe, maid at Mrs. Bramson's. Dan is summoned to the Bramson cottage. Such is his charm that Mrs. Bramson is immediately taken with him, adding him to her household servants. The murder of a guest at the hotel is traced to Dan by Olivia, an unhappy niece of Mrs. Bramson's who elects to shield the boy. Dan, grateful but powerless in the grip of his homicidal instincts plots the murder of Mrs. Bramson for her money. The police take him away to be hanged, leaving Olivia

Title: Night Of The Dunce

Author: Gagliano, Frank

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1967

Description:

roy
drama
eight characters
six male; two female
one act

1 interior set.

'Battle between library staff and a gang of toughs who want to destroy the library.'

Title: Night Watch

Author: Fletcher, Lucille

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1972

Description:

roy
thriller
nine characters
five male; four female
two acts

1 interior set.

In order to murder her husband and his lover without being caught, a woman pretends that the lovers are slowly driving her insane.

Title: Nine Girls

Author: Pettitt, Wilfred H.

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company 1943

Description:

roy
thriller
all female cast; nine characters
nine female
two acts

1 interior set.

Nine sorority girls on a weekend in an isolated cabin have to contend with murder and apparent suicide in their midst.

Title: No Great Mischief

Author: Young, David MacLeod, Alistair

Publisher: Scirocco Drama 2006

Description:

roy
drama – Canadian – historical
seven characters (doubling)
six male; one female
two acts

"The long history of the Clan MacDonald begins in 1779 as Calum Ruadh leaves Scotland to begin a new life on Cape Breton Island. Haunted by the stories and songs of the ancestry, two brothers seek to reconcile their past with their present. From the writer of Glenn and Inexpressible Island comes this adaptation from the award-winning novel by Alistair MacLeod."

Title: Noah

Author: Obey, Andre

Publisher: Samuel French 1934

Description:

roy
drama
nine characters; extras
five male; four female
three acts

1 set.

Although Noah's forty day voyage begins with the hope of a new world, the continual doubts of his son Ham bring the bad feelings of the old world into the journey.

Title: Nuts

Author: Topor, Tom

Publisher: Samuel French 1981

Description:

roy
drama – mental illness
nine characters
six male; three female
three acts

Courtroom drama set in Bellevue Hospital where incarcerated woman fights to prove herself mentally fit to stand trial on manslaughter charge.

Title: Observe The Sons Of Ulster Marching Towards The Somme

Author: McGuinness, Frank

Publisher: Faber and Faber 1986

Description:

roy
drama
all male cast; nine characters
nine male
three parts

Drama about sacrifice made by 36th (Ulster) Division at Battle of the Somme, 1916, and its significance in loyalist Protestant mind.

Title: Odyssey, The
A play adapted from Homer

Author: Chafe, Rick

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 2000

Description:

roy
drama – mythology
large cast
four male; five female (doubling)
twenty-six parts

Odysseus is twenty years gone from Ithaca. Penelope has bluffed and delayed a growing band of murderous suitors, but as threats to her son and kingdom grow, her resolve weakens. Now a beggar arrives at the palace and asks the queen to hold off a new marriage until she's heard his story – fantastic tales of her husband's travels among monsters, witches and gods. Penelope finds herself battling her husband's very legend over fidelity, her kingdom and her vengeance.

Title: On the Job

Author: Fennario, David

Publisher: Talonbooks 1976

Description:

roy
drama – French Canadian
all male cast; nine characters
nine male
one act

1 interior set.

Christmas Eve 1970. The workers of a Montreal dress factory, frustrated by lack of job opportunities and emboldened by smuggled liquor, go on strike. The gesture proves futile and they wind up at home, jobless, with nothing to show but their Christmas bonuses.

Title: Ondine

Author: Giraudoux, Jean

Publisher: Samuel French 1954

Description:

roy
fairy tale – romance
twenty-nine characters
seventeen male; twelve female
three acts

"Fairy tale based on German traditional tale of winter sprite who married a knight but could only live on earth as long as he was faithful to her.

Title: Pains and Penalties: The Defence of Queen Caroline

Author: Housman, Laurence

Publisher: Jonathan Cape Ltd. 1937

Description:

roy
drama – historical – Queen Caroline
twenty-nine characters; extras
flexible casting
four acts

Description not available.

Title: Parentheses of Blood

Author: Tansi, Sony Labou

Publisher: UBU Repertory Theater Publications 1981

Description:

roy
drama – translation
nine characters; extras
four male; five female
five parts

"A play which is exemplary, in more than one sense, of Sony's opaque and resplendent universe. In it we find some of his favorite characters: the Brute Soldiers, the Fool, and the Doctor. The love of Kalahashio, the 'raggedly mother,' and the filial devotion of Ramana, Aleyo, and Yavilla, later incarnations of the two Chaidanas in 'La Vie et demie,' bring a measure of sweetness to the posthumous fate of Libertashio, whose vague outlines are those of a mythic figure. Throughout we find courage, cowardice, cruelty, all enmeshed, giving full meaning to that cry from the depths

Title: Particular Class of Women, A

Author: Feindel, Janet

Publisher: Lazara Publications 1988

Description:

roy
drama – Canadian
all female cast; one to eight characters
one to eight female
two acts

open stage.

Portrays attitudes of women sex trade workers in monologue format. The characters are dynamic and would provide good audition material.

Title: Passing Game

Author: Tesich, Steve

Publisher: Samuel French 1978

Description:

roy
drama
seven characters
four male; three female
two acts

'Two once promising actors plot to dispose of each other's wife.'

Title: Passion Of Dracula, The

Author: Hall, Bob

Richmond, David

Publisher: Samuel French

1979

Description:

roy
drama
nine characters
seven male; two female
three acts

1 interior set.

Based on the Bram Stoker novel. In the English countryside in 1911 several young local girls have died mysteriously. Dr. Seward presides over a nearby mental hospital and the locality also has acquired a new resident—Count Dracula! A trio of doctors, a young reporter and a stout-hearted English lord fight the Count for possession of the lovely heroine.

Title: Peer Gynt

Author: Ibsen, Henrik

translated by Christopher Fry

Publisher: Oxford University Press

1963

Description:

roy
drama
thirty-eight characters; extras
twenty-six male; twelve female
five acts

representative set.

A man spends his lifetime seeking experience around the world in order to be true to himself only to discover that he spent his life avoiding the very thing he was trying to do.

Title: Penultimate Problem Of Sherlock Holmes

Author: Nassivera, John

Publisher: Samuel French

1980

Description:

roy
mystery
nine characters
six male; three female
two acts

1 interior set.

Sherlock Holmes meets Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, his creator, and cannot accept the fact that his destiny lies in a writer's hands.

Title: People Next Door, The

Author: Miller, J. P.

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1969

Description:

roy
drama
nine characters
six male; three female
two acts

unit set.

Two families learn too late that their adolescent children are heavily involved in the drug sub-culture.

Title: Phedre

Author: Racine, Jean translated by William Packard

Publisher: Samuel French 1966

Description:

roy
tragedy
eight characters; extras
three male; five female
five acts

1 set; English translation in rhymed alexandrine couplets.

A young queen hides her love for her stepson until she learns of the death of her husband. Her confession of love comes too soon and brings tragedy upon her household.

Title: Piano Lesson, The

Author: Wilson, August

Publisher: Penguin Books 1990

Description:

roy
drama – family relations
eight characters
five male; three female
two acts

Drama set in 1936 Pittsburg chronicles black experience in America. Family conflict arises over heirloom piano belonging to Bernice Charles. When Bernice's exuberant brother bursts into her life with his dream of buying the same Mississippi land that his family had worked on as slaves, he plans to sell their antique piano for the hard cash he needs to stake his future. But Berniece refuses to sell, clinging to the piano as a reminder of the history that is their family legacy. Winner – 1990 Pulitzer prize for drama

Title: Pieces Detachees, En

Author: Tremblay, Michel

translated by Allan Van Meer

Publisher: Talonbooks

1975

Description:

roy
Canadian – drama – French
eight characters; extras
two male; six female
six scenes

The play concerns Helene, a waitress who used to work in a bar called the Coconut Inn, but who now works slinging smoked meat in a joint on Papineau Street. She is married to Henri, who sits around all day watching Captain Cartoons on TV. They live in a tenement in the East End with their daughter, Francine, and Helene's mother, Robertine. During the course of the play, Helene's mentally disturbed brother, Claude, who has been "sent away" and who wears "sunglasses and speaks English" as his passport to the world, runs away from the brothers at the sanitarium and

Title: Pink String And Sealing Wax

Author: Pertwee, Roland

Publisher: Samuel French

1945

Description:

roy
drama
nine characters
four male; five female
three acts

1 interior set; period – 1880.

A stern father who represses the natural talents in his children learns to relent and show his love when his son become involved in a messy murder case.

Title: Play Memory

Author: Glass, Joanna McClelland

Publisher: Samuel French

1984

Description:

roy
drama – Canadian – family relations
nine characters
six male; three female
two acts

1 interior set.

The decline and fall of an alcoholic's family. Cam, a dynamic and successful salesman on the prairie, loses his lucrative job, threatens the very survival of his wife and daughter and, finally, evicts them from the house in order to assure their survival.

Title: Prague

Author: Krizanc, John

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 1983

Description:

roy
drama – Canadian – theatre
eight characters
five male; three female
two acts

1 interior set.

Prague, 1983. The members of a small theatre company grapple with personal and political oppression. Will they be allowed to perform a play that is a critical allegory of the invasion of '68? Where official versions prevail, truth can be made to disappear.

Title: Praying for Rain

Author: Vaughan, Robert Lewis

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 2001

Description:

roy
drama
seven characters
four male; three female
two acts

suggested for high school.

Marc, a high-school jock suddenly stripped of his identity after a near crippling motorcycle accident, has been adrift since the crash. His spiraling journey into self-destruction leads him into a lengthy detention with Miss K., a generous but firmly principled teacher. Although Miss K. is able to make inroads with Marc, he continues his downward descent. Despite his resistance, his

Title: Prescription: Murder

Author: Link, William

Levinson, Richard

Publisher: Samuel French 1963

Description:

roy
drama
up to eight characters
four male; three female
three acts

3 interior sets.

A psychiatrist who feels that he has successfully murdered his wife and provided himself with an alibi is caught out by Lieutenant Columbo, a detective who disarms his suspects through his apparent clumsiness and stupidity.

Title: Pride's Crossing

Author: Howe, Tina

Publisher: Samuel French 1998

Description:

roy
drama – family relations – feminism
twenty characters
four male; three female (doubling)
two acts

'Drama about a grandmother who reflects on her life during a croquet party attended by her granddaughter.'

Title: Prodigal, The

Author: Richardson, Jack

Publisher: E. P. Dutton and Company 1960

Description:

roy
drama
nine characters; extras
five male; four female
two acts

representative set.

Orestes realizes that he cannot escape the laws of society to lead his own life when he becomes an outcast after his father's murder.

Title: Prometheus Rebound

A dramatic poem

Author: Botting, Gary

Publisher: Harden House 1972

Description:

roy
poetic drama – Albertan
nine characters
eight male; one female; (off-stage voice)
two acts

1 exterior set.

Prometheus whispers to man the secrets of atomic energy and is again bound to a rock as punishment.

Title: Rashomon

Author: Kanin, Fay

Kanin, Michael

Publisher: Samuel French

1959

Description:

roy
drama
nine characters
six male; three female
two acts

Based on the stories by Ryunosuke Akutagaw. This play tells of a murder trial as recounted by two spectators where the evidence conflicts on how the man was murdered.

Title: Real McCoy, The

Author: Moodie, Andrew

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press

2006

Description:

roy
Canadian – drama – biography – Elijah McCoy
thirty-nine characters
five male; two female (doubling)
two acts

Biography of the inventor Elijah McCoy (1843–1929), whose name became a byword for quality, as in "the real McCoy". The play explains why we've never heard of McCoy and reclaims a fascinating man's life from undeserved obscurity. McCoy, born in Canada to runaway American slaves, showed so much promise in school that he won a scholarship to study mechanical engineering at Edinburgh University. He moved to the US, where no one believed a black man could be an engineer so he was set to stoking boilers. Nevertheless, McCoy devised a solution to one of the

Title: Reckoning, The

A surreal Southern fable

Author: Ward, Douglas Turner

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc.

1970

Description:

roy
drama – black play
seven characters
five male; two female
two movements

unit set.

"Bigoted governor of a southern state is being blackmailed by his Negro mistress and her black pimp into giving them all the money the governor has gotten through graft, and into letting a Black militant into the Capitol unmolested."

Title: Red Emma
Queen of the anarchists

Author: Bolt, Carol

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 1973

Description:

roy
drama – Canadian
nine characters
seven male; two female
two acts

The early years of the anarchist feminist Emma Goldman and the events that led to her assassination attempt on Henry Clay Frick.

Title: Rehearsal, The

Author: Anouilh, Jean

Publisher: Samuel French 1961

Description:

roy
drama
eight characters
five male; three female
three acts

2 interior sets.

When a faded Count finds true love in an innocent governess, the structure and routine of his peer group's lifestyle is threatened. Consequently, his wife, his mistress and his best friend go to great lengths to destroy the new relationship.

Title: Rehearsal, The

Author: Anouilh, Jean translated by Pamela Hansford Johnson and Kitt

Publisher: Methuen & Co 1961

Description:

roy
drama
eight characters
five male; three female
three acts

2 interior sets.

When a faded Count finds true love in an innocent governess, the structure and routine of his peer group's lifestyle is threatened. Consequently, his wife, his mistress and his best friend go to great lengths to destroy the new relationship.

Title: Reluctant Resurrection of Sherlock Holmes, The

Author: Belke, David

Publisher: Playwrights Guild of Canada 1992

Description:

roy
Canadian – murder – mystery
seven characters
five male; two female (doubling)
two acts

"Two years after he killed off Sherlock Holmes, Arthur Conan Doyle is summoned to investigate the haunting of an old actor's country manor. Doyle is determined to prove the ghost a reality, but is he himself haunted by the super rational Sherlock Holmes who refuses to give up his literary life. When the maid is found dead, these two personalities must uncover the truth."

Title: Revenge

Author: Brenton, Howard

Publisher: Methuen & Co 1970

Description:

roy
drama
seven characters
five male; two female
two acts

'An ex-convict seeks revenge on inspector from Scotland Yard who sent him to jail. When ex-con kills another officer, it is inspector who wants revenge.'

Title: Reverend Jonah

Author: Ciufu, Paul

Publisher: Scirocco Drama 2008

Description:

roy
dramatic comedy – Canadian – morality
seven characters; chorus
two male; five female
two acts

To a conservative church in a south-western Ontario town comes Jonah Arias – a troubled, left-leaning, pill popping United Church minister. Jonah is also young and idealistic, with courage enough to challenge the power-brokers in his small community. When Reverend Jonah starts an affair with a young woman in the congregation, and then decides to repatriate a former member of the church expelled for being in a lesbian relationship, the ensuing battle threatens to derail Jonah's career and fracture the church.

Title: Richard III

Author: Shakespeare, William

Publisher: Simon and Schuster 1960

Description:

roy
drama – tragedy – historical
thirty nine characters; numerous extras
thirty-four male; five female
five acts

"Richard III is essentially a melodrama with the spectator's interest centered upon the arch-villainy of Richard, Duke of Gloucester, whose Machiavellian scheming at last gains for him the crown. Richard's wickedness is so complete, and he is so perfect in his role, that the spectator watches with morbid fascination as his misdeeds follow in logical sequence."

Title: Riel

Author: Coulter, John

Publisher: Cromlech Press 1962

Description:

roy
drama – Canadian – historical
thirty-eight characters; extras
thirty-five male; three female; doubling possible
two parts

19 century costumes; music

The action centres on the Riel Rebellion, and is divided according to history into two periods: 1869-70 and 1885-86, including Riel's execution. The issue, as in history, is whether Riel is a hero attempting to lead an oppressed people to freedom, or a religious maniac.

Title: Roomful Of Roses, A

Author: Sommer, Edith

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1956

Description:

roy
drama
nine characters
three male; five female; one seven-year-old boy
two acts

1 interior set.

Eight years after a woman left her husband and daughter for another man, she has her daughter to visit for three weeks and tries to help her become her own person.

Title: Roots

Author: Wesker, Arnold

Publisher: Penguin Books 1960

Description:

roy
drama – working class struggles – British
nine characters
five male; four female
three acts

3 interiors.

"Second play in Roots' trilogy. Problems of English farm laborers in a society that has no place for them. Set in Norfolk. Includes words and music of a song."

Title: Rope

Author: Hamilton, Patrick

Publisher: Constable And Company Ltd. 1929

Description:

roy
thriller
eight characters
six male; two female
three acts

1 interior set.

Two students murder a fellow student for the fun of it and invite some friends, including the victim's father and aunt, to a dinner served on the chest in which the body is concealed. One of the guests suspects and one of the murderers begins to crack under the strain.

Title: Rope Dancers,The

Author: Wishengrad, Morton

Publisher: Samuel French 1955

Description:

roy
drama
nine characters
five male; four female
three acts

1 interior set.

This play tells the story of an Irish–American couple at the turn of the century whose daughter has been born with six fingers on her left hand and who later becomes the victim of an ailment that appears to be St. Vitus' Dance. Because the husband was once an alcoholic roister, the mother is convinced that the child's plight is their punishment from God; and believing that the guilt is

Title: Roundup

Author: Sapergia, Barbara

Publisher: Coteau Books 1992

Description:

roy
drama – Canadian – family relations
seven characters
three male; four female
two acts

"'Roundup' gives us a look at the crisis in prairie agriculture along with a lively tale of love and marriage in three generations of an extended family. Full of passion, conflict, and humour, 'Roundup' encapsulates the love people feel for a way of life and their connection with the land – a connection that may be breaking."

Title: Royal Gambit

Author: White, George Gressieker, Hermann

Publisher: Samuel French 1959

Description:

roy
drama – historical
seven characters
one male; six female
five acts

1 set.

George White's translation and adaptation of Hermann Gressieker's work.

A depiction of the relationship of Henry VIII and his six wives and the effect these had on modern thought from the time of Henry to present day.

Title: Rubber Dolly

Author: Hannah, Don

Publisher: Playwrights Guild of Canada 1986

Description:

roy
drama – Canadian – poverty
seven characters
three male; three female; one boy
twenty-two scenes

"Two sisters from Newfoundland battle poverty in Toronto's East End. Marie maintains a level of stability while Fern plunges into a world of crime and tragedy."

Title: Rune Arlidge

Author: Healy, Michael

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 2004

Description:

roy
family relations
eight characters
four male; four female (doubling possible)
three acts

'A family of women – the eldest incapable of keeping stories to herself, her two daughters on the verge of making life altering decisions, a granddaughter wise beyond her years. The . . . author takes us on a 25-year long trip to the family cottage.'

Title: Runner Stumbles, The

Author: Stitt, Milan

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1976

Description:

roy
drama
nine characters
five male; four female
two acts

As the play begins we learn that a young nun has died under mysterious circumstances in a remote parish of northern Michigan, and her superior, Father Rivard, has been charged with her murder. The action then alternates between interrogation and testimony and scenes of past events, which reveal that Father Rivard, had been banished to the small, up-country parish. When Sister Rita arrives to help in the Parish school Father Rivard is distressed to discover a sensual element in his reaction to her, and when circumstances force her to move into the rectory with

Title: Rutherford and Son

Author: Sowerby, Githa Fitzsimmons, Linda

Publisher: Methuen & Co 1994

Description:

roy
British – drama – historical – Edwardian
eight characters
four male; four female
three acts

First staged in 1912 and described as 'the most powerful play produced in England in this decade', Sowerby's Edwardian classic on family and labour enjoyed huge success in London and New York before disappearing from view. Set in the North Yorkshire home of the oppressive patriarch John Rutherford, Rutherford and Son's portrayal of the father's obsession with his glass manufacturing business and his tyranny over the wrecked lives of his family is on a par with the dramas of Ibsen, Gorky and Granville Barker. This edition was published to coincide with the

Title: Saint Frances of Hollywood

Author: Clark, Sally

Publisher: Talonbooks 1996

Description:

roy
Canadian – biography – drama
seven characters; numerous extras
four male; three female
two acts

"Her star rising as a Hollywood diva, Frances Farmer chooses to join the socialist Group Theatre in New York. This idealistic, raucous and non-conforming movie star pursued by the Government for her alleged communist connections, was finally incarcerated with the help of her mother at Steilacoom, a Seattle psychiatric hospital, where she was lobotomised and released as "cured" in 1949."

Title: Sainte-Carmen of the Main

Author: Tremblay, Michel translated by John Van Burek

Publisher: Talonbooks 1981

Description:

roy
drama – French Canadian
seven characters; chorus
three male; four female
two acts

Carmen returns to the Rodeo after studying yodeling in Nashville. She begins to write her own songs but is brutally murdered. The show goes on, with her rival playing the lead; cultural identity becomes an aberration in time.

Title: Sand Castle, The

Author: Joudry, Patricia

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 1981

Description:

roy
drama – Canadian
seven characters
five male; two female
two acts

1 interior set.

A professor who specializes in the delusion of romantic love discovers that he too can fall victim.

Title: Satin Thigh

Author: Carter, Liberty Jane

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 1994

Description:

roy
drama – Canadian
seven characters
four male; three female
two acts

The innocent Satin enters the Yonge St. world of pimps and pushers. A black call girl teaches Satin where to find love amid the lust and longing.

Title: Saturday Night

Author: Kass, Jerome

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1968

Description:

roy
drama
seven characters
four male; three female
two acts

1 interior set.

A lonely woman's fantasy world of intellectualism and beauty is shattered when it is revealed that her father, whom she idolizes, lusts after women and harasses them in the street.

Title: Scent Of Flowers, A

Author: Saunders, James

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1970

Description:

roy
drama
nine characters
six male; three female
three acts

unit set.

A woman watching some funeral preparations realizes that she is dead and it is her funeral. Through flashbacks, we learn how she comes to this end.

Title: Season of the Witch

A play

Author: Callaghan, Morley

Publisher: Exile Editions 1976

Description:

roy
Canadian – drama – witches
nine characters
six male; three female
three acts

There is no description available for this play.

Title: Second Hand Kid

Author: Sodaro, Craig

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company 1992

Description:

roy
drama
seven characters
three male; four female
two acts

When long-time widow Connie D'Amato decides to take a foster child, she gets more than she bargained for. Instead of the 10-year-old "Shirley Temple" she was promised, Connie's charge is 16-year-old Lisa, a repeat offender with a history of addiction and abuse. Connie's 27-year-old daughter, Angela, takes an instant dislike to Lisa. Not only does the teenager upset the secure routine, but she brings new problems. Her vicious brother, Ed, shows up to keep an eye on Lisa. What's worse, Angela catches Lisa stealing Connie's meager savings. Only Papa, Connie's

Title: Seven Guitars

Author: Wilson, August

Publisher: Samuel French 1996

Description:

roy
tragicomedy
seven characters
four male; three female
two acts

The sixth in the author's decade by decade exploration of the black experience in America, *Seven Guitars* is part bawdy comedy, part dark elegy and part mystery. In the backyard of a Pittsburgh tenement in 1948, friends gather to mourn for a blues guitarist and singer who died just as his career was on the verge of taking off. The action that follows is a flashback to the busy week leading up to Floyd's sudden and unnatural death.

Title: Severed Head

Author: Murdoch, Iris

Priestley, J. B.

Publisher: Samuel French

1964

Description:

roy
drama
seven characters
three male; four female
two acts

unit set.

An adaptation of the novel by Iris Murdoch. A man, who is pleased with himself because he is breaking convention by having a mistress, is shocked when he learns that his wife is having an affair with her psychiatrist; the psychiatrist is having an incestuous affair with his sister; and the sister is attracted to her brother's lover's husband.

Title: Shadow Box, The

Author: Cristofer, Michael

Publisher: Samuel French

1977

Description:

roy
drama
nine characters
five male; four female
two acts

1 set.

In three separate cottages of a hospital, three terminal cancer patients, together with their friends and family, come to terms with their situations.

Title: Shadow Walkers, The

Author: Tremblay, Brian

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press

1984

Description:

roy
Canadian – mystery
seven characters
two male; five female
two acts

"While Clair researches her film in the tranquility of an Edwardian house, she discovers letters written by the original inhabitants. Past and present intertwine as she uncovers their unsettling story."

Title: Shadowlands

Author: Nicholson, William

Publisher: Samuel French

Description:

roy
drama – historical romance
nine characters
six male; two female; one child
two acts

"This West End and Broadway hit is the love story of C.S. Lewis, Oxford don and author of 'The Chronicles of Narnia' and 'The Screwtape Letters', and American poet Joy Davidman. Jack Lewis is smug in his convictions about God and His plan for the world until Joy and her young son enter his life and the bewildered theoretician of love in the abstract finally confronts its direct presence."

Title: Sherlock Holmes: The Final Adventure

Based on the original 1988 play by William Gillette and Arthur Conan Doyle

Author: Dietz, Steven

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 2007

Description:

roy
mystery
eight characters
six male; two female
two acts

The world's greatest detective has seemingly reached the end of his remarkable career when a case presents itself that is too tempting to ignore: The King of Bohemia is about to be blackmailed by a notorious photograph, and the woman at the heart of this crime is the famous opera singer, Irene Adler. With his trusted companion, Doctor Watson, at his side, Sherlock Holmes marches right into the lair of his longtime adversary, Professor Moriarty. In this spirited, fast-moving and thoroughly theatrical adaptation, Steven Dietz presents Holmes at the height of his

Title: Sherlock's Last Case

Author: Marowitz, Charles

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1984

Description:

roy
drama – thriller
seven characters
five male; two female
two acts

suggested for high school.

Picking up where the famous stories ended, the play centers on a death threat against Sherlock Holmes by the supposed son of his late nemesis, Professor Moriarty. Oddly enough, however, Holmes is warned of the plot by Moriarty's daughter, to whom Holmes (who turns out to be quite a ladies' man) is strongly attracted. The plot then twists and turns until Holmes finds himself imprisoned in a dank cellar, trapped not by young Moriarty but, to his shocked surprise, by the

Title: Shred Of Evidence, A

Author: Sherriff, R. C.

Publisher: Samuel French 1961

Description:

roy
drama
nine characters
six male; three female
three acts

1 interior set.

A man panics and begins to work to cover-up evidence when he realizes that he may have been the driver of the car that killed a cyclist in a hit and run accident.

Title: Signpost To Murder

Author: Doyle, Monte

Publisher: Samuel French 1963

Description:

roy
thriller
seven characters
six male; one female
three acts

1 interior set.

An inmate of an asylum escapes and unwittingly becomes a foil in a plot of an asylum guard and his mistress to murder her husband.

Title: Silent Partners

Author: Marowitz, Charles Bentley, Eric

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 2008

Description:

roy
drama – Bertolt Brecht
seven characters
five male; two female (doubling)
two acts

"Based on Eric Bentley's 'Brecht Memoir', as well as on extensive personal interviews with the writer himself, Marowitz has created an entertaining story that is simultaneously funny, perplexing and disturbing. Tossing in small bits of insight into both men, the playwright/director fuels his piece with some wonderful humor. As a writer, Charles Marowitz has taken an unflinching look at both his subjects. Neither escapes the playwright's analysis as he correlates similar aspects of their personalities and shortcomings. 'Silent Partners' is a tug-of-war of wills as one man learns about

Title: Sisters Rosensweig, The

Author: Wasserstein, Wendy

Publisher: Harcourt Brace Publishers 1993

Description:

roy
drama
eight characters
four male; four female
two acts

Three Jewish middle-aged sisters, originally from Brooklyn, come together in Queen Anne's Gate, London, to celebrate the fifty-fourth birthday of Sara, the eldest, now a brilliant British banker. Divorced, a single mother, Sara no longer sees the necessity for romance. The second sister, Gorgeous, is a suburban housewife and mother, as well as a talk-show personality. And Pfeni, journalist and travel writer, still hasn't written her serious book on the women of Tajikistan. Pfeni's boyfriend, Geoffrey, director of the hit musical "The Scarlet Pimpernel" brings to Sara's

Title: Sled

Author: Thompson, Judith

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 1997

Description:

roy
Canadian – drama
seven characters
four male; three female
three acts

"A gripping look at the effects of a totally senseless string of violent murders, on the inhabitants of a quiet neighbourhood that could be anywhere in urban North America."

Title: Snake in Fridge

Author: Fraser, Brad

Publisher: NeWest Press 2001

Description:

roy
drama
nine characters
five male; four female
two acts

'Drama set in large rooming house about group of twenty-somethings on the edge of porn industry.'

Title: Snob, The

Author: Andre, Marion

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 1984

Description:

roy
Canadian – drama
eight characters
four male; four female
three acts

"Set in pre-WWI Germany, a man sacrifices family and friends in his struggle to rise from bourgeois origins but is redeemed by love."

Title: Socrates

Author: Sinclair, Lister

Publisher: Book Society of Canada 1957

Description:

roy
drama – Canadian
twenty-eight characters; extras
twenty-three male; five female
three acts

1 interior and exterior set; Greek costumes.

When the oracle names Socrates "the wisest man in the world" the "Athenians listen to him with increased attention and respect. Government officials conspire to "silence" him by falsely convicting him of sedition. Though he makes the accusers appear foolish, Socrates is convicted and sentenced to death.

Title: Soft Eclipse, The

Author: Gault, Connie

Publisher: Blizzard Publishing 1990

Description:

roy
drama – Canadian
seven characters
one male; six female
two acts

1 exterior set.

A poignant evocation of a small Saskatchewan town in the 60's, it follows six women, aged 16 to 76, through a day both strangely unique and satisfyingly "everyday", as they anticipate the coming eclipse of the sun.

Title: Someone Waiting

Author: Williams, Emyln

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1956

Description:

roy
thriller
nine characters
four male; five female
three acts

1 interior set.

A man whose only son has been hung for murder, hires himself out as a tutor in the home where the murder was committed in order to avenge his son's death by killing the person he feels is the real murderer.

Title: Sometime, Never

Author: Harding, Norah

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 2001

Description:

roy
relationships – dramatic comedy
eight characters
three male; five female
two acts

Sometime, Never, picks up from where Norah Harding's previous play This Year, Next Year leaves off. Norah marries her Canadian soldier and goes to live in Canada. But life in Canada, and living with in-laws is not rosy and she returns to England, at Christmas time a few years later. Ben misses her and eventually follows her to England, where we also catch-up with events in her sister's and mother's life after the war.

Title: Song of This Place

Author: Coghill, Joy

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 1987

Description:

roy
Canadian – drama – biography – puppets – Emily Carr
seven characters; chorus; puppets
three male; four female
two acts

The story of an actress who wants to play Emily Carr, only to find that the eccentric, cantankerous Carr will not let her. The play creates both a portrait of the artist Emily Carr and an investigation into the process of liberation required for the creation of art. The confrontation between Carr and Freida, the actress who wishes to portray her, provides debate and eventual illumination for the characters. Inspired by Emily Carr – with her animals, oddities and burning artist's soul, the play combines actors and puppets in a powerful play about the magic of theatrical experience and the

Title: Souvenirs

Author: Rosen, Sheldon

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 1984

Description:

roy
drama – Canadian
seven characters
five male; two female
two acts

1 interior set.

An eclectic group of tourists arrive on a tropical island, in hot pursuit of tans, drugs and sex. Political turmoil on the island forces the vacationers to decide where and with whom they stand.

Title: Speaking Of Murder

Author: Roos, Audrey

Roos, William

Publisher: Random House 1957

Description:

roy
melodrama
eight characters
two male; four female; one boy; one girl; one dog
three acts

1 interior set.

A woman's desire for her best friend's husband causes her to murder her friend and attempt to murder the man's second wife three years later.

Title: Spratt

Author: Wiesenfeld, Joe

Publisher: Talonbooks 1978

Description:

roy
drama – Canadian
seven characters
four male; three female
two acts

A play about a man trapped within a macho world.

Title: Spring Awakening

Author: Wedekind, Frank

Osborn, Tom

Publisher: Calder and Boyars Ltd.

1969

Description:

roy
drama
twenty-nine characters
twenty-three male; six female
three acts

The action is set in a small German town in the 1890's where adolescent boys and girls grope their way towards knowledge and maturity against the blocks set up by parents and teachers in the name of 'morality'. Melchior, fearless in his pursuit of the truth, manages to retain his freedom of spirit, but his friends are not so lucky or so strong.

Title: Square In The Eye

Author: Gelber, Jack

Publisher: Grove Press, Inc.

1964

Description:

roy
drama
nine characters
six male; four female
two acts

representative set.

The play portrays the problems of marriage, intermarriage, children, and in-laws, and depicts the frustrations of the artist in urban America in the 1960's. Along the way, it takes a few hilarious swipes at some of our cherished national cults and pastimes: psychoanalysis, the scalpel-happy surgery industry, the dollar-oriented burial business.

Title: Steaming

Author: Dunn, Nell

Publisher: Amber Lane Press

1981

Description:

roy
drama
seven characters
one male; six female
two acts

" 'Steaming' is set in the 'Turkish Room' of a run-down Public Baths in the East End of London, where five women regularly meet to bathe, relax, and share their troubles."

Title: Stillborn Lover, The

Author: Findley, Timothy

Publisher: Blizzard Publishing 1993

Description:

roy
Canadian – drama
seven characters
four male; three female
two acts

The abrupt recall of a highly regarded Canadian ambassador from his post, the mysterious death of a Russian youth found brutally murdered in a Moscow hotel room, and the ambitions of an Ottawa diplomat – the play explores the darker side of loyalty and commitment, when the stakes are high and diplomatic careers hang by the thread. Kept isolated in a "safe-house" and subjected to interrogations by two special police agents, Harry Raymond, his ailing wife and adult daughter are forced to unravel the past, and with the past comes revelations that set off loyalty struggles

Title: Stone Angel, The

Author: Nichol, James W. based on the novel by Margaret Laurence

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 1991

Description:

roy
drama – self awareness – adaptation
twenty seven characters
five males; four females (doubling)
two acts

Ninety-year old Hagar Shipley is in hospital. There were four men in her life – her father, her husband, and her two sons – and she fought with them all. In the course of the play, Hagar gets out of her bed and relives being a headstrong little girl, a high-spirited young woman, a disillusioned wife, an anxious demanding mother, a sardonic old woman, and in doing so, particularly in reliving the stark reality around her younger son's death, she finally and truly sees herself.

Title: Strangers on a Train

A play

Author: Warner, Craig Highsmith, Patricia

Publisher: Samuel French 2003

Description:

roy
drama – thriller – Little Theatre
seven characters
five male; two female
two acts

"Guy Haines and Charles Bruno meet on a train and, because they are strangers, they think they can say anything while chatting. Bruno suggests that they could get away with murder – he could kill Guy's unfaithful wife while Guy could eliminate his hated father. Guy does not take him seriously, but Bruno is deadly serious."

Title: SubUrbia

Revised edition

Author: Bogosian, Eric

Publisher: Theatre Communications Group 2009

Description:

roy
drama – adolescents
nine characters
five male; four female
four acts

A new revised edition of Eric Bogosian's play 'SubUrbia' has been published by TCG. This is the version performed in the Second Stage revival in 2006 and is therefore the most current version.

This new version of Bogosian's best-selling play, set in a convenience store parking lot, premiered last season Off Broadway. His rewrites—for a world seeped in cell phones, hip-hop, and a new political context—render the piece “an American anyplace where everything, yet

Title: Suddenly At Home

Author: Durbridge, Francis

Publisher: Samuel French 1973

Description:

roy
thriller
eight characters
four male; four female
two acts

1 set.

A man and his mistress murder the man's wife and set up the wife's ex-lover as the murderer.

Title: Suddenly Last Summer

Author: Williams, Tennessee

Publisher: New American Library 1958

Description:

roy
drama
seven characters
two male; five female
four scenes

1 set.

A woman tries to commit her niece to an asylum because the niece witnessed her cousin's death, a gruesome affair that could bring scandal to the family.

Title: Summer Of The Seventeenth Doll

Author: Lawler, Ray

Publisher: Samuel French 1957

Description:

roy
drama
seven characters
four male; three female
three acts

1 interior set.

Two canecutters and a barmaid, accustomed to spending their summers together, are forced to face the reality of their lives and themselves when the pattern of their summers is broken.

Title: Sun Runner, The

Author: Dyba, Kenneth

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 1981

Description:

roy
drama - Canadian - death
seven characters
three male; four female (doubling)
two acts

"A mother dying of cancer comes to terms with her family, her memories and, ultimately, her impending death. She learns to reconcile the intimacy of dying with the public expression."

Title: Suspect

Author: Percy, Edward Denham, Reginald

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1940

Description:

roy
drama
eight characters
four male; four female
three acts

1 interior set.

A woman, who was acquitted of murder years earlier, has to deal with the past again when her son's fiancee's father turns out to be a newspaperman who had covered her trial.

Title: Tales From a Prairie Drifter

Author: Langley, Rod

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 1974

Description:

roy
drama – Canadian
eight characters
seven male; one female
two acts

An epic panorama of the Canadian West, complete with homesteading, building the CNR and the Metis Rebellion. An expose of greed, deceit and self-interest.

Title: Talking Back

The birth of the CCF

Author: Kerr, Don

Publisher: Coteau Books 1992

Description:

roy
drama – historical – Canadian – political
eight characters
five male; three female
three acts

"Talking Back: The Birth of the CCF, with its engaging mix of historical drama, humour, and song, both entertains and enlightens. This play masterfully portrays the men and women of the Depression who decided to "talk back" to Liberal and Conservative governments and ended up forming a new party, the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation. By mixing real-life figures from CCF history – J. S. Woodsworth, Agnes Macphail, Frank Underhill, and Louise Lucas – with a farm couple of his own invention, Kerr captures the various forces which created a new political party."

Title: Terra Nova

Author: Tally, Ted

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company 1982

Description:

roy
drama – exploration
seven characters
six male; one female
two acts

1 setting; background music, singing.

"Drama about ill-fated expedition of the English in their race against Norwegians to reach the South Pole."

Title: That Summer

Author: French, David

Publisher: Talonbooks 2000

Description:

roy
Canadian – drama
seven characters
two male; five female
two acts

"It's Memorial Day, 1990, and Margaret Ryan has returned from Vermont to the Ontario cottage where, thirty-two years before, she was forced to vacation with her family at a lakeside resort. For her and her sister Daisy, it was a time of awakening, a time of discovery. As the narrator Margaret watches Maggie, her younger self, relive the innocence and beauty of that summer, the play moves inexorably back to the heartbreak of a headlong surrender to experience, both won and lost in a single day."

Title: Thebans, The
Oedipus at Kolonus

Author: Wertebaker, Timberlake

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company 1992

Description:

roy
drama
eight characters; chorus
six male; two female
six episodes

Antigone, in tatters, leads her blinded father, disguised as a beggar and seeking his resting place, into a grove near Kolonus. Meanwhile the two sons of Oedipus fight for the right to the throne of Thebes. The Oracle reveals that victory will go to the city that will contain the grave of Oedipus.

Title: Therese

Author: Job, Thomas Zola, Emile

Publisher: Samuel French 1947

Description:

roy
drama
eight characters
four male; four female
two acts

1 interior set.

An adaptation of Emile Zola's novel/play ' Therese Raquin'.

Title: They're All Afraid

Author: Peterson, Leonard

Publisher: Book Society of Canada 1981

Description:

roy
drama – Canadian
seven characters
four male; three female; doubling is possible
three acts

Frustrated, disillusioned, disappointed and isolated, Arnie concludes that he is so lonely because everyone around him is so afraid.

Title: Three Birds Alighting on a Field

Author: Wertebaker, Timberlake

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company 1993

Description:

roy
drama
nine characters
four male; five female
two acts

area staging.

This coruscating, hard-edged and compassionate play does not teach a lesson; it shows you people who have learned the wrong ones. The writing is complex, thoughtful, athletic, and assured.

Title: Tideline

Author: Mouawad, Wajdi

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 1999

Description:

roy
drama – life
eight characters
six male; two female
two parts

prequel to 'Scorched' and 'Forests'.

(Translated from French) I don't even know who I am anymore so how can I know what's hurting me? When you're little, it's easy, all kids are scared of the same thing. Of the big bad wolf or monsters from outer space. But now? Why do I hurt? I really don't have a clue. I hurt and that's it. And everyone's hurting and nobody gives a damn! (Wilfrid in Tideline)

Title: Top Girls

Author: Churchill, Caryl

Publisher: Methuen & Co 1982

Description:

roy
drama
all female cast; seven characters
seven female
two acts

representative set.

This play depicts the life of a successful woman who is the manager of an employment agency and the choices she made to achieve her position.

Title: Transylvanian Clockworks, The

Author: Nigro, Don

Publisher: Samuel French 1977

Description:

roy
mystery – drama
seven characters
four male; three female
two acts

"The author of Ravenscroft investigates the Dracula myth in a powerful, complex, darkly funny and utterly terrifying vampire play unlike any you have ever experienced."

Title: Triangle Factory Fire Project, The

Author: Piehler, Christopher Evans, Scott Alan

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 2005

Description:

roy
drama – historical
multiple characters
five male; four female (doubling)
two acts

Saturday, March 25, 1911. 4:45 P.M. In the Triangle Waist Factory off downtown Manhattan's Washington Square where 500 immigrant workers from Poland, Russia and Italy toil fourteen-hour days making lady's dresses; a cigarette is tossed into a bin of fabric scraps. Despite desperate efforts, flames sweep through the eighth, ninth and tenth floors. Panic-stricken workers run in all directions. On the ninth floor, some make it to the fire escape, only to have it collapse beneath their weight. Others run to the exit door but find it locked—many, including the

Title: Trip To Bountiful, The

Author: Foote, Horton

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1954

Description:

roy
drama
nine characters; extras
six male; three female
three acts

3 sets.

An elderly woman runs away from the home of her son and daughter-in-law to fulfill her twenty year dream of seeing her childhood home once more before she dies.

Title: Troilus and Cressida

Author: Shakespeare, William

Publisher: Penguin Books 2002

Description:

non-roy
tragicomedy
twenty-eight characters; extras
twenty-four male; four female
five acts

'The play is set during the Trojan War, and essentially has two plots. In one Troilus, a Trojan prince, woos Cressida, has sex with her, and professes undying love just before she is traded to the Greeks for a prisoner of war. Trying to visit her in the Greek camp, he sees her with Diomedes, and decides she is a whore. Most of the play revolves around the second plot, a scheme by Nestor and Ulysses to get the proud Achilles back into battle to fight for the Greeks. The play ends with a series of battle skirmishes between the two sides, and the death of the Trojan hero Hector.'

Title: Trojan Women, The

Author: Euripides

Publisher: Random House 1967

Description:

roy
tragedy - Greek
eight characters; extras (chorus)
three male; five female
one act

1 exterior set.

"Presents one long lament over the consequences of war by those who suffer most -- the women. After the fall and sacking of Troy, they bemoan their fate: they are brought into bondage by lot. Cassandra falls to Agamemnon (and prophesies his death); Andromache falls to Neoptolemus; her son, Astyanax, is cast from the walls and his mangled body is brought to Hector's mother. Troy is

Title: Twelve Dreams

Author: Lapine, James

Publisher: Nelson Doubleday Inc. 1982

Description:

roy
drama
eight characters
three male; five female
two acts

Based on a case cited by the pioneer psychoanalyst Carl Jung, "Twelve Dreams" is about a young girl, ten year old Emma Hatrick, and the series of mysterious and disturbing dreams she records in a book that she gives her psychiatrist father for Christmas. Emma's twelve dreams are alive with primal images – some wistful, some frightening – which seem to foretell the child's illness and eventual death.

Title: Two Mrs. Carrolls, The

Author: Vale, Martin

Publisher: Samuel French 1951

Description:

roy
drama
eight characters
three male; five female
two acts

2 interior sets; requires 1 French speaking character.

A woman learns from her husband's ex-wife that her husband is attempting to kill her in order to marry a third woman, an act which he had used previously when he was trying to get rid of his first wife.

Title: Two Trains Running 1969

Author: Wilson, August

Publisher: Theatre Communications Group 2007

Description:

roy
drama – civil rights
seven characters
six male; one female
two acts

TWO TRAINS RUNNING, one of Wilson's most overtly and pointedly political works, takes place during the heyday of the black power movement, at a moment of great upheaval in U.S. race relations. It is one of a series of plays dealing with African American culture and history in the twentieth century, and perhaps its central theme is the manner in which the poor urban black community reacted to legal victories of the civil rights movement. The garrulous characters, the regulars at a Pittsburgh ghetto lunch counter in 1969, are witnesses to history too removed from

Title: Two Words for Snow

Author: Sanger, Richard

Publisher: Playwrights Union of Canada 1999

Description:

roy
drama – historical
seven characters
six male; one female
two acts

'Two men meet in the Eskimo Room at the American Museum of Natural History in 1935. Robert Peary Jr. is young, white and brash. He is there to protect the good name of his father, Robert Edwin Peary, who in 1909 laid claim to the title of the first man to reach the North Pole. Matthew Henson, who accompanied Peary on that journey, is old, black and full of regret... A smart, powerful and deeply moving examination of colonialism at home and abroad.'

Title: Unidentified Human Remains and the True Nature of Love

Author: Fraser, Brad

Publisher: Blizzard Publishing 1990

Description:

roy
drama – Canadian
seven characters
four male; three female
two acts

various sets.

Set in Edmonton, Alberta. A serial killer is loose in an urban labyrinth of friends grasping for some kind of love and direction in their lives.

Title: Unveiling, The

Author: Angel, Leonard

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 1982

Description:

roy
drama – Canadian
eight characters
four male; three female; one girl
one act

1 exterior set.

On an autumn afternoon a family gathers around a grave for the traditional unveiling ceremony, and is itself gradually unveiled.

Title: Vicky

Author: Woods, Grahame

Publisher: Simon and Pierre Publishing

Description:

roy
drama – Canadian
nine characters; extras
three male; six female
two acts

Description not available.

Title: Vimy

Author: Thiessen, Vern

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 2007

Description:

roy
drama – war – Canadian history
eight characters
seven male; one female (doubling possible)
two acts

France. 1917. Aided by a nurse from Nova Scotia, four wounded Canadian soldiers recover in a field hospital in the wake of the battle for Vimy Ridge. Governor General's Literary Award winner Vern Thiessen explores how a nation's defining moment is reflected in the lives of everyday people, their hopes and their dreams.

Title: Vinegar Tom

Author: Churchill, Caryl

Publisher: Samuel French 1982

Description:

roy
drama – witches
nine characters
two male; seven female
twenty scenes

unit set.

"Although 'Vinegar Tom' is set in the 16th or possibly the 17th century in rural England, it has a very contemporary feel and may be staged very simply. It tells the story of two farm women who are named as witches by a man whom they have spurned sexually. Ms. Churchill very insightfully demonstrates the connection between fear of female sexuality and witch-hysteria, all of which may

Title: Visitor, The

Author: White, Kenneth

Randau, Carl

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company

1945

Description:

roy
mystery
eight characters
five male; three female
three acts

1 interior set.

Based on the novel by Carl Randau and Leane Zugsmith. An adolescent boy's return home after having been missing for three years, clears his best friend of murder and exposes his stepfather's intent to kill his wife for her money.

Title: Vital Signs

Author: Martin, Jane

Publisher: Samuel French

Description:

roy
monologues – comedy
eight characters
two male; six female
two acts

bare stage.

The author of Talking With and other hits has never been funnier or more compelling than in this suite of theatrical miniatures over thirty two-minute monologues. The two men in the cast are optional foils for the six compelling women who perform a collage about contemporary woman in all her warmth and majesty, her fear and frustration, her joy and sadness.

Title: Wait Until Dark

Author: Knott, Frederick

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc.

1967

Description:

roy
thriller
eight characters
six male; two female
two acts

1 interior set.

A young blind woman is trapped in her apartment by three men, one of whom is a killer, who is trying to find a doll stuffed with heroin which was given under guise to the woman's innocent husband in order to get it into the country.

Title: Walking the Dead

Author: Curran, Keith

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1992

Description:

roy
drama – relationships
seven characters
four male; three female
two acts

"Maya Deboats, a performance artist, calls together the family and friends of her recently murdered lover, Veronica, for a performance art memorial service that travels seamlessly through the past and present in an effort to reconstruct Veronica's life. Together they create an actual, lasting structure – a work of art – which ultimately helps them to understand and move on. "

Title: Walking Upright Through Fire

Author: Wilson, Allan

Publisher: Allan Wilson 2005

Description:

roy
drama – death – cancer
nine characters
five male; two female; two flexible
two acts

A play that realistically portrays the last months of a sixteen year old boy's life as he faces terminal cancer. Based on a daily journal of the same name by his father (Allan Wilson).

Title: Whale Music

Author: Minghella, Anthony

Publisher: Samuel French 1983

Description:

roy
drama
all female cast; seven characters
seven female
two acts

representative set.

When a pregnant young woman takes a flat in a seaside boarding house run by a single woman, she meets a new friend and together with old friends, the women see themselves through day to day living and the problems they encounter.

Title: When You Comin Back, Red Ryder?

Author: Medoff, Mark

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1974

Description:

roy
drama
eight characters
five male; three female
two acts

'Patrons of a New Mexico diner are terrorized and forced to face the truth about themselves and others by a young amoral tough.'

Title: Where is Kabuki?

Author: Druick, Don

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 1988

Description:

roy
drama – Canadian
all male cast; seven characters
seven male
two acts

1 interior set.

A sultry summer day in Tokyo, 1888. Backstage at the great Kabuki-za Theatre, beneath the exquisitely ritualistic behaviour, a vicious power struggle is underway. The Master Playwright is fighting for his life, buffeted by the crass ambitions of the Onnagata.

Title: Whistle In The Dark, A

Author: Murphy, Thomas

Publisher: Samuel French 1970

Description:

roy
drama
eight characters
seven male; one female
three acts

1 interior set; play uses dialect.

The eldest son of a fighting Irish family has tried to break away from the family and start a new life in England with an English wife but his brothers and father follow him to live off of him and to goad him into making a choice between loyalty to his blood or to his new way of living.

Title: White Geese, The

Author: Dube, Marcel

translated by Jean Remple

Publisher: New Press

1972

Description:

roy
drama – French Canadian
eight characters
three male; five female
two acts

The play begins in the late afternoon on a Friday in October in what seems an ordinary Quebec bourgeois household. All the secrets of the past and all the family skeletons are safely tucked away behind the Victorian furniture. Everything is in place except for the two blood-stained white geese still hidden inside a very common-place travelling bag in the hall; this inoffensive looking object is the complicating factor in the drama, the Pandora's Box which, once opened, releases all the house's old mysteries and provokes the final catastrophe.

Title: Who Has Seen the Wind

Author: MacDougall, Lee

Publisher: Playwrights Union of Canada

2000

Description:

roy
drama – Canadian – depression era – childhood
seven characters
four male; three female; children
two acts

"This is a story of Brian, an inquisitive boy growing up on the Saskatchewan prairie in the 1930's. Featuring the trials of life and death, and W.O. Mitchell's hilarious characters this play is a moving tale of a Canadian childhood."

Title: Who'll Save The Plowboy

Author: Gilroy, Frank D.

Publisher: Samuel French

1962

Description:

roy
drama
seven characters
five male; two female
two acts

1 interior set.

A dying man visits the home of a man whose life he had saved in the war fifteen years earlier to see if the wound he had received at that time, which was now killing him, was worth the risk. If the saved man was happy, the hero would die content.

Title: Whylah Falls: The Play

Author: Clarke, George Elliot

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 1997

Description:

roy
drama – love
nine characters; chorus
five male; four female
two acts

'A passionate play about poets and the lies they tell in the pursuit of love. Set in Nova Scotia's pastoral Annapolis Valley in the 1930's, the story unfolds exclusively in a rural, African-American-founded community, full of cultural lovers and rowdy truth tellers.'

Title: Woman In Mind

Author: Ayckbourn, Alan

Publisher: Faber and Faber 1986

Description:

roy
drama
eight characters
five male; three female
two acts

exterior set.

The central character in the play is Susan, a parson's wife. While the parson lives for his great work – which is actually nothing more than a 60–page history of the parish for the civic society – he is ministered to by his wife and sister, an equally unhappy and unfulfilled widow. Susan's vitality is directed into an active fantasy life, peopling the play with an idealized family, invisible

Title: Women in the Attic

Author: Peterson, Len

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 1979

Description:

roy
drama
twenty-five characters
four male; three female (doubling)
three acts

"A newspaperman pieces together the story of an old derelict woman's life, to find beneath her tale of lost love, abortion and alcoholism, the legend of Lillith, Adam's first wife, who was abandoned to make way for the subservient Eve.'

Title: World Over, The

Author: Bunin, Keith

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 2003

Description:

roy
romance
large cast
five male; two female (doubling)
two acts

suggested for high school.

Once upon a time there was a country that existed only for one day, and a castaway named Adam who traveled the world over in search of this lost kingdom. Reared from infancy on an uncharted island, Adam has preserved himself from despair by imagining that a heroic destiny awaits him in the world beyond. Rescued by a disheveled trio of sailors, Adam comes to believe that he is the lost prince of the fabled country of Gildoray. But nobody else in the world believes

Title: World Without Shadows

Celebrating Nova Scotia's most beloved Folk Artist – Maud Lewis

Author: Woolaver, Lance Gerrard

Publisher: Stage Hand Publishers 1996

Description:

roy
biography
eight characters
six male; two female
seventeen parts

'World without shadows dramatizes the life of folk artist Maud Lewis and her husband Everett Lewis. The story is set against the backdrop of rural Nova Scotia in the Annapolis Valley where Maud and Everett lived together in a small home. Rural Life, its joys and simplicity, became the subject matter for many of Maud's paintings. The play examines the source of Maud's inspiration, juxtaposing the world she painted to the life she lived.'

Title: Write Me A Murder

Author: Knott, Frederick

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1962

Description:

roy
mystery – thriller
nine characters
seven male; two female
three acts

1 unit set.

Two authors plot a murder story which is enacted in real life a year after it is written when their happiness and their homes are threatened.

Title: Wuthering Heights

Author: Carter, Randolph

Bronte, Emily

Publisher: Samuel French

1939

Description:

roy
drama
seven characters
four male; three female
three acts

2 interior sets.

An adaptation of the novel by Emily Bronte.

Title: Yellow Jacket, The

Author: Hazelton, George C.

Benrimo

Publisher: Samuel French

1939

Description:

roy
Chinese drama
twenty-nine characters
twenty-seven male; two female
three acts

1 interior set.

The most successful adaptation of the form and spirit of Chinese drama. Within one set is acted out the whole colorful and romantic drama of a young man's adventure, beginning at birth and passing through all the critical periods of his development as a youth, a lover, a mature man, seeking and finding adventure, excitement, satisfaction and at last a meaning to his life.

Title: Yesterday the Children Were Dancing

Author: Gelinas, Gratien

translated by Mavor Moore

Publisher: Clarke, Irwin and Company

1967

Description:

roy
drama – French Canadian
eight characters
five male; three female
two acts

1 interior set.

A play set in the explosive Montreal of 1967 presenting the emotional and ideological views of Quebec and the French Canadian.

Title: You Are Here

Author: MacIvor, Daniel

Publisher: Scirocco Drama 2002

Description:

roy
drama
twelve characters
five male; three female (doubling)
two acts

'You are about to meet Alison, who searches her life for meaning in this remarkable and powerful play. In a series of luminous moments and encounters, we're drawn into Alison's world: love that fades, hopes that die, and enduring friendship that offers the promise of redemption. You Are Here, MacIvor shows us, and our emotional reality is in this moment, now.'

Title: Z

A meditation on oppression, desire and freedom

Author: Szumigalski, Anne

Publisher: Coteau Books 1995

Description:

roy
Canadian – drama – holocaust – Jewish
eleven characters; chorus
three male; five female (doubling)
two acts

"Z: A Meditation on Oppression, Desire and Freedom" is an astonishing first stage play by the internationally-acclaimed and award winning poet Anne Szumigalski. When the concentration camps were opened at the end of World War Two, Anne Szumigalski worked with the survivors as a translator for the British Red Cross. In "Z" Szumaigalski translates that profound and disturbing experience into an amazing theatrical event -- a blend of drama, poetry, music and dance.

Title: Zone

Author: Dube, Marcel adapted by Aviva Ravel

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 1982

Description:

roy
drama – Canadian
seven characters
six male; one female
three acts

Five young people in Montreal are selling black market American cigarettes. When the gang leader, Tarzan, kills a border guard, everything falls apart except the love between him and his female follower.