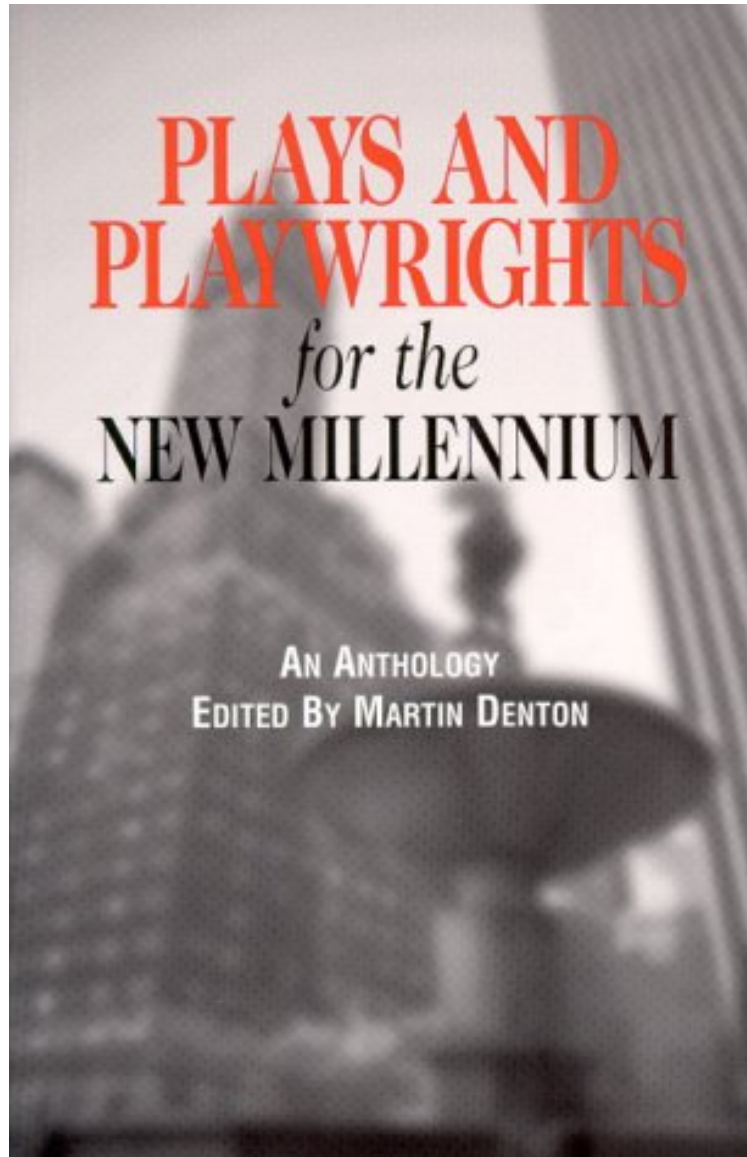


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19 of 19 people found the following review helpful. An Extraordinary BookBy Beverly S. WilleyThis is an excellent anthology of eight really good plays which should delight anyone who loves the theatre or who simply appreciates good writing. Although I definitely had my favorites (When Words Fail, Cafe Society, and Making Peter Pope among

them), I'd be hard pressed to imagine a better or broader range of plays. The writings are truly thought-provoking. They offer wonderful insights as they deal with issues such as self-discovery, identity, renewal, responsibility, relationships, participation, involvement, hope. I should mention, this is done with a healthy slice of humor. I laughed a lot. These are fun plays. The concept of a first-rate theatre critic who sees virtually every play on Broadway and most off and off-off-Broadway productions, selecting and putting together, in one volume, eight of the best new off-off-Broadway plays is extraordinary. And very exciting. It gives us, the reader, the opportunity to experience cutting-edge plays which we might never have heard about if not for this book. Martin Denton's attention grabbing introduction with an oh-so-brilliant critical essay on each of the plays is the proverbial icing on the cake. I thoroughly enjoyed and highly recommend this book.

If you care about the American theatre - if you are wondering where the next generation of American dramatists is coming from - you will want to read this book. An anthology of eight new plays from New York City's dynamic off-off-Broadway theatre: these plays run the gamut from broad farce to satire to moving comic drama. These plays are ripe for production on stages throughout the United States. These plays say something cogent and interesting about the way we live now, on the cusp of the new millennium. They redefine the boundaries of the experience of theatre in new and useful ways. The eight plays are all darn good: funny, compelling, and intelligent.

From the Back Cover Who will write the next classic American play? Don't be surprised if it's one of these authors, whose works have electrified audiences in New York City throughout 1998 and 1999. Collected here are eight exciting new plays by some of the country's most gifted and talented young playwrights. These writers, and their work, are boldly pushing contemporary theatre into the 21st century, helping to shape and define the themes and structures of the next wave of American drama. Midnight Brainwash Revival Kirk Wood Bromley A revel for the new millennium featuring cross-dressers, mismatched lovers, false prophets and madmen, all involved in a grand, possibly apocalyptic drama in the Utah desert. Horse Country C.J. Hopkins A dizzying, ontological joyride through the post-everything American landscape...and beyond. When Words Fail... David Dannenfelser A tender, innovative comedy about the survival of the human spirit in the Information Age. Making Peter Pope Edmund De Santis An epic comedy about a young gay man struggling to gain control of his life after his mother dies and his father quickly remarries. Crunching Numbers Lynn Marie Macy Three pungent, linked one-act plays about the supreme angst and anguish that comes with turning thirty. Caf Society Robert Simonson A cockeyed satire of contemporary urban America in which a young woman goes to hell and back just to get her daily dose of iced de-caf. "So, I Killed a Few People..." Gary Ruderman David Summers A chillingly comic monologue delivered by a convicted serial killer on death row whose final request is to put on a one-man show. Are We There Yet? Garth Wingfield A bittersweet comic drama about a young woman's renewal and rebirth following some truly shocking medical news.