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A Doll's House



Synopsis

A Doll's House is significant for the way it deals with the fate of a married woman at the time who lacked reasonable opportunities for self-fulfillment in a male dominated world. It aroused a great sensation at the time and caused a "storm of outraged controversy" that went beyond the theatre to the world newspapers and society. Take a listen to Ibsen's most notable piece!

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Customer Reviews

Chosen by my 100 year old English Professor for English Comp 161 (first level required English for college, highest beginner course, everyone must take it). I read the title and assumed it would be a 'chic' book, although it has some feminist overtones, it is not that by any means, and was written by a man - a controversial (at the time) author who revolutionized drama. This play was so popular at the time it first came out, its accurate to say that everyone in the world who was a fan of the theatre would have seen it. With its 'power to women' ideals, some patriarchal societies have been slow in allowing the play to be seen in their countries, or have even changed the story to be more according to their beliefs. A must read for any English student or English history buff.

I like this book because it is real. Many marriages even today are like this one. When faced with the existential choice, this woman accepts reality as it is and makes do with it, knowing this is the only way to find herself.

I read it twice, and saw more depth in the characters the second time around. So current and pertinent to today that it's hard to believe it was written more than 100 years ago. I could sit down and read it a third time. Wonderful!

I was in a hurry to purchase my brother's quarterly book for english & needed it quick. I searched it on to get the cheapest book but in fairly good/new condition. I decided to purchase it & the day it came in.. the book was brand new & it arrived just as expected (time wise). The book was a great read as well!

In this play by Ibsen a victorian wife discovers that she has lost respect for her husband and no longer loves him. She loses respect for him because she discover's that he loves her only as a 'doll' and not as an equal. Nora's husband fails to recognize a sacrifice that she has made for his benefit and condemns her. When chance causes the crisis to pass he is willing to forgive and forget, but she can't forgive his reaction - which clearly demonstrates how little love and respect he has for her.

As a high school English teacher, I will be teaching this work to my junior classes. The play accurately portrays the role and status of women during this time period. Until the last act, Nora is an annoying character. Her actions and reactions caused me to want to "just shake her"! This work lends itself well to teaching character development, figurative language, conflict and theme.

A CLASSIC~~~~!!!!

I love this adaptation. In my opinion the language is smart, clever, clearer, relatable, which makes the entire play easily understandable and far more enjoyable to read than other versions of the play that I have read. And it does all of this without compromising Ibsen's original work.

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