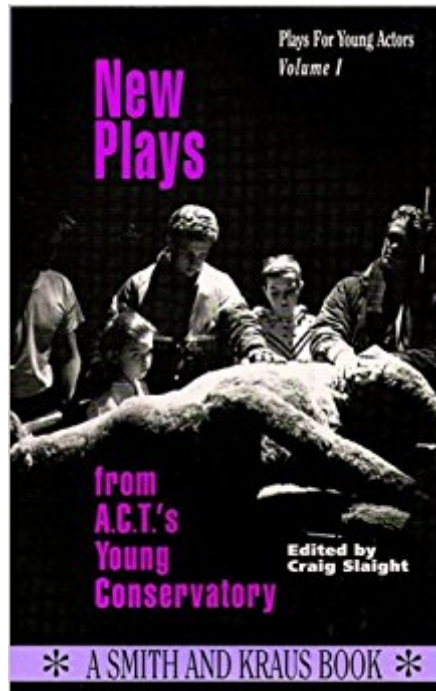




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faced with decisions about life and death, love and hatred, family and peer relations. This reviewer could not help but become deeply involved with the characters and strongly moved by the power of the dialog. Those who have the privilege of seeing these pieces performed on stage are indeed fortunate. This collection is a valuable contribution to contemporary dramatic literature. Highly recommended for drama and YA collections.- Howard E. Miller, Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Missouri Lib., St. LouisCopyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc.

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