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**A Separate Peace** Grove Press  
Feuding theatre critics Moon and Birdfoot, the first a fusty philanderer and the second a pompous and vindictive second stringer, are swept into the whodunit they are viewing. In the hilarious spoof of Agatha Christie-like melodramas that follows, the body under the sofa proves to be the missing first string critic. As mists

rise about isolated Muldoon Manor, Moon and Birdfoot become dangerously implicated in the lethal activities of an escaped madman.-- from publisher's website.

*Jumpers* Grove Press

Alain Elkann has mastered the art of the interview. With a background in novels and journalism, and having published over twenty books translated across ten languages, he infuses his interviews with innovation, allowing them to flow freely and organically. Alain Elkann Interviews will provide an unprecedented window into

the minds of some of the most well-known and -respected figures of the last twenty-five years.

A Delicate Balance Samuel French, Inc.

William Shakespeare is mightily out of sorts -- every scribbling wagtail cullion in London is shamelessly pilfering his ideas, and this new fellow is the cheekiest of all. Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead? What kind of name is that for a play? Find out in Harry Turtledove's Tor.com Original, We Haven't Got there Yet. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management

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**Fast Girls** Concord Theatricals

Visitors cause trouble for a pair of suburbanites in this Pulitzer Prize-winning play by the author of *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?*. Wealthy middle-aged couple Agnes and Tobias have their complacency shattered when their longtime friends Harry and Edna appear at their doorstep. Claiming an encroaching, nameless "fear" has forced them from their own home, these neighbors bring a firestorm of doubt, recrimination and ultimately solace, upsetting the "delicate balance" of Agnes and Tobias's household . . . In recent years, *A Delicate Balance* has enjoyed many and new stunning revivals, running now, including a Broadway production in 1996, which won the Tony Award for Best Revival, and another at the Alameida Theatre in London in 2011. "Theatrical fireworks." —The New York Times

Leopoldstadt Faber & Faber

*Every Good Boy Deserves Favour* A dissident is locked up in an asylum. If he accepts that he was ill and has been cured, he will be released. He refuses. Sharing his cell is a real lunatic who

believes himself to be surrounded by an orchestra. As the dissident's son begs his father to free himself with a lie, Tom Stoppard's darkly funny and provocative play asks if denying the truth is a price worth paying for liberty. 'Plays which enhance civilization itself, which is what this does, are not seen once and laid away.' Bernard Levin, Sunday Times *Every Good Boy* premiered at the Festival Hall, London, in July 1977. It was revived at the National Theatre, London, in January 2009. Professional Foul 'Professor Anderson, a somewhat devious academic, went to Prague to deliver a lecture on "Ethical Facts in Ethical Fiction" and to see a football match. Politics intruded when a former pupil of Anderson begged him to smuggle out a thesis arguing that "the ethics of the State can only be the ethics of the individual writ large." . . . Mr Stoppard's BBC television debut was sheer delight.' Richard Last, Daily Telegraph *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead* McFarland

*Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead* is a play which, as it were, takes place in the wings of Hamlet, and finds both humour and poignancy in the situation of the ill-

fated attendant lords. The National Theatre production in April 1967 made Tom Stoppard's reputation virtually overnight. Its wit, stagecraft and verbal verve remain as exhilarating as they were then and the play has become a contemporary classic. 'One of the most original and engaging of post-war plays.' Daily Telegraph

**Rosencrantz & Guildenstern are Dead** Samuel French, Inc.

Poetry, scholarship, and love are entwined in Tom Stoppard's new play about A.E. Housman, which "Variety" has called "vintage Stoppard in its intelligence and wit". "Stoppard is at the top of form. . . . "The Invention of Love" does not just make you think, it also makes you feel".--"Daily Telegraph".

*The Hard Problem* Samuel French, Inc. Satire on politics, literature and art. James Joyce, Lenin, and Dadaist Tristan Tzara come together in the memories of an obscure English diplomat (Henry Wilfred Carr) in Zürich. (Song and dance routines. Prologue, 2 acts, 5 men, 3 women, 2 interiors).

**Night and Day** Simon and Schuster Seminar paper from the year 2006 in the

subject English Language and Literature Studies - Literature, grade: 1,3, University of Mannheim (Lehrstuhl Anglistik II), course: Classics of 20th Century British Drama, 8 entries in the bibliography, language: English, abstract: The play *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead* in its present form is the result of several drafts and older versions of this play, which Tom Stoppard wrote and staged. The first one was *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern meet King Lear* and was performed by amateur actors at a Ford Foundation cultural picnic in Berlin, in 1964. In this form the play was a one-act comedy in verse.<sup>1</sup> In the following years the title changed and Stoppard rewrote the play into prose. At the Edinburgh Festival in 1966 the play had its break through and soon later its script was bought and produced by the National Theatre at the Old Vic. According to the *Sunday Times* it was "the most important event in the British professional theatre of the last nine years."<sup>2</sup> The reason for the enthusiastic reactions towards the play is the fact that it illustrates the confusion of mankind in the post-modern world. Today's pluralism leaves the individual all

to himself. The unity, which used to be created by religion, class or moral values, has been split up in favour of countless parallel existing societies with their own moral ideals and goals. *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead* is a comical depiction of two friends looking for an orientation in a world, which to them has lost its orders and values. By using *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern*, who are the two courtiers from *Elsinore*, from Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, Stoppard shows an unknown perspective of *Hamlet*. It is the one of *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern*. Without knowing the entire plot they experience the action from their point of view and constantly try to find explanations of their roles and future in the play. The lack of orientation and the absence of reliable values in this strange world re

**Travesties** Grove/Atlantic, Inc.

Above all don't use the word good as though it meant something in evolutionary science. *The Hard Problem* is a tour de force, exploring fundamental questions of how we experience the world, as well as telling the moving story of a young woman whose struggle for understanding her own

life and the lives of others leads her to question the deeply held beliefs of those around her. Hilary, a young psychology researcher at the Krohl Institute for Brain Science, is nursing a private sorrow and a troubling question. She and other researchers at the institute are grappling with what science calls the "hard problem"—if there is nothing but matter, what is consciousness? What Hilary discovers puts her fundamentally at odds with her colleagues, who include her first mentor and one-time lover, Spike; her boss, Leo; and the billionaire founder of the institute, Jerry. Hilary needs a miracle, and she is prepared to pray for one.

**We Haven't Got There Yet** Dramatic Publishing

**\*\*Winner of the Tony Award for Best Play\*\***

Finally making its Broadway debut in a limited engagement run, Tom Stoppard's humane and heartbreaking Olivier Award-winning play of love, family, and endurance At the beginning of the twentieth century, Leopoldstadt was the old, crowded Jewish quarter of Vienna, a city humming with artistic and intellectual excitement. Stoppard's epic yet intimate drama centers on Hermann Merz, a

manufacturer and baptized Jew married to Catholic Gretl, whose extended family convene at their fashionable apartment on Christmas Day in 1899. Yet by the time the play closes, Austria has passed through the convulsions of war, revolution, impoverishment, annexation by Nazi Germany, and the Holocaust, which stole the lives of 65,000 Austrian Jews alone. From one of today's most acclaimed playwrights, *Leopoldstadt* is a human and heartbreaking drama of literary brilliance, historical verisimilitude, and powerful emotion.

*Tom Stoppard, Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead* Samuel French, Inc. Companion to the work of playwright Tom Stoppard who also co-authored screenplay of Shakespeare in Love.

*Four Revenge Tragedies* Macmillan British playwright Tom Stoppard in his own words

#### **Stoppard's Theatre** Macmillan

This fifth collection of Tom Stoppard's plays brings together five classics by one of the most celebrated dramatists writing in the English language.

*The Coast of Utopia* Oxford University Press, USA

Long after returning from Neverland, Wendy decides that she must find Peter in order to reclaim her kiss and move on with her life. Along the way, she meets other girls who went to Neverland and learns she is not alone. A coming-of-age exploration of first love and lasting loss, *Lost Girl* continues the story of J.M. Barrie's beloved character - the girl who had to grow up.

#### **Alain Elkann Interviews** Simon and Schuster

Acclaimed as a modern dramatic masterpiece, *Rosencrantz & Guildenstern are Dead* is the fabulously inventive tale of Hamlet as told from the worm's-eye view of the bewildered Rosencrantz and Guildenstern, two minor characters in Shakespeare's play. In Tom Stoppard's best-known work, this Shakespearean Laurel and Hardy finally get a chance to take the lead role, but do so in a world where echoes of *Waiting for Godot* resound, where reality and illusion intermix, and where fate leads our two heroes to a tragic but inevitable end. Tom Stoppard was catapulted into the front ranks of modern playwrights overnight when *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are*

*Dead* opened in London in 1967. Its subsequent run in New York brought it the same enthusiastic acclaim, and the play has since been performed numerous times in the major theatrical centers of the world. It has won top honors for play and playwright in a poll of London Theater critics, and in its printed form it was chosen one of the "Notable Books of 1967" by the American Library Association.

#### Arcadia GRIN Verlag

The *Revenge Tragedy* flourished in Britain in the late Elizabethan and Jacobean period for both literary and cultural reasons. Thomas Kyd's *The Spanish Tragedy* (1587) helped to establish the popularity of the genre, and it was followed by *The Revenger's Tragedy* (1606), published anonymously and ascribed first to Cyril Tourneur and then to Thomas Middleton. George Chapman's *The Revenge of Bussy D'Ambois* and Tourneur's *The Atheist's Tragedy* were written between 1609 and 1610. Each of the four plays printed here defines the problems of the revenge genre, often by exploiting its conventions in unexpected directions. All deal with fundamental moral

questions about the meaning of justice and the lengths to which victimized individuals may go to obtain it, while registering the social strains of life in a rigid but increasingly fragile social hierarchy.

**Antonio and Mellida & Antonio's Revenge** Cambridge University Press  
New York Times bestselling author John Connolly, "one of the best thriller writers we have" (Harlan Coben, #1 New York Times bestselling author), returns with a shivery collection of supernatural tales. Filled with eerie surprises and dark delights, *Night and Day* takes us from the dusty shelves of an uncanny library filled with fictional characters to a bunker deep beneath the earth where scientists seek revenge on old Nazis; from an English marsh haunted by a mother and her son to a country house where a grieving widower finds comfort from a most unlikely source. Concluding with the author's account of how an obscure horror film brought him closer to his lost father, and how nostalgia can help to keep us sane, this is a collection that will move, entertain, and keep you reading late into the night.  
*The Real Inspector Hound* Tor Books

Tom Stoppers's play "Jumpers" is both a high-spirited comedy and a serious attempt to debate the existence of a moral absolute, of metaphysical reality, of God. Michael Billington in "The Guardian" described the play succinctly: "The new Radical Liberal Party has made the ex-Minister of Agriculture Archbishop of Canterbury, British astronauts are scrapping with each other on the moon, and spritely academics steal about London by night indulging in murderous gymnastics: this is the kind of manic, futuristic, topsy-turvy world in which Stoppard's dazzling new play is set. And if I add that the influences apparently include Wittgenstein, Magritte, the Goons, Robert Dhery, Joe Orton, and The Avengers, you will have some idea of the heady brew Stoppard has here concocted." The protagonist include an aging Professor Of Moral Philosophy -- trying to compose a lecture on "Man -- Good, Bad or Indifferent" -- while ignoring a corpse in the next room; his beautiful young wife, an ex-musical comedy Queen, lasciviously entertaining his university boss down the hall; her husband's specially trained hare, Thumpers; and a

chorus of gymnasts, Jumpers.  
[The Real Thing](#) University of Texas Press  
Unlock the more straightforward side of *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead* with this concise and insightful summary and analysis! This engaging summary presents an analysis of *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead* by Tom Stoppard. The play's titular characters are the courtiers from Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, and the story of the Danish prince is interwoven with their discussions as they ponder why they are there and what their purpose is. The play is among Stoppard's best-known works, and garnered acclaim for the brilliance of its writing and for its reflections on chance, fate and the nature of identity. Tom Stoppard is one of the most produced playwrights in the world, and has won four Tony Awards and an Academy Award for his screenplay for *Shakespeare in Love*. Find out everything you need to know about *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead* in a fraction of the time! This in-depth and informative reading guide brings you: • A complete plot summary • Character studies • Key themes and symbols • Questions for further reflection Why choose

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