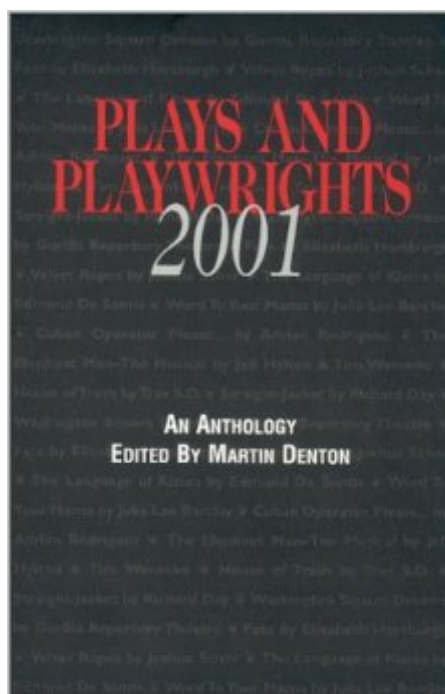


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Anthology of new works from the New York theatre, all of which premiered during 2000. Includes: "Washington Square Dreams" by Gorilla Repertory Theatre, "Fate" by Elizabeth Horsburgh, "Velvet Ropes" by Joshua Scher, "The Language of Kisses" by Edmund DeSantis, "Word To Your Mama" by Julia Lee Barclay, "Cuban Operator Please..." by Adrian Rodriguez, "The Elephant Man -- The Musical" by Jeff Hylton & Tim Werenko, "House of Trash" by Trav S.D., and "Straight-Jacket" by Richard Day. With an Introduction by Martin Denton and a Preface by Robert Simonson.

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Martin Denton has done it again! As a topnotch theatre reviewer, Mr. Denton has thoroughly scoured the New York City theatre scene and has assembled yet another marvelous anthology of the most outstanding new off- and off-off-Broadway plays of the season. There are nine distinctly different works presented in this one volume, and I can honestly say, every one is terrific. These are plays that will touch your heart, and tickle your funny-bone. "Cuban Operator Please" is a heart wrenching story of a young Cuban-American man's unresolved relationship with his father, while in "The Language of Kisses," an estranged mother and daughter uncover their past and rediscover each other. "The Language of Kisses," by the way, is one of the most moving, stunning plays I've read in a long time. It's a story which will stay with you and haunt you long after you've finished the book -- this work alone is well worth the price of the entire anthology! Then there are the plays which will make you laugh. "Velvet Ropes" is a laugh-out-loud theatrical delight where two naive souls,

trapped in a museum, try to make sense of the artwork; "The Elephant Man - The Musical" (AKA, Pakky Derm, Superstar) is a very funny story of John Merrick's big break on Broadway; "House of Trash" is an uproarious piece with Preacher Bob Maggot, a garbageman moonlighting as a Baptist preacher, trying to hold his wayward family together; "Straight Jacket" is a hilarious satire of one of Hollywood's leading men (Rock Hudson perhaps?), who falls in love with his screenwriter. "Word To Your Mama" is an awesome stream-of-consciousness journey through the past decade -- it will take your breath away.

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