

A Streetcar Named Desire York Notes For A Level York Notes Advanced

A fresh and exciting approach to English Literature

Notes on Williams' life and career accompany critical essays on the play's production, characters and themes

The plays of Tennessee Williams are some of the greatest triumphs of the American theatre. If Williams is not the most important American playwright, he is surely one of two or three of the most celebrated, rivaled only by Eugene O'Neill and Arthur Miller. But in a career that spanned almost five decades, he also produced two collections of poetry, two novels, four collections of stories, and scores of essays. This reference book offers a thorough review of the vast body of research on his works, along with a history of performance. The volume contains chapters devoted to particular works or clusters of works, and each is written by an expert contributor. Each chapter includes a discussion of the biographical context of the work or group of works; a survey of the bibliographic history; a summary of major critical approaches, which looks at themes, characters, symbols, and plots; a consideration of the major critical problems posed by the work; a review of chief productions and film and television versions; a concluding overview; and a bibliography of secondary sources.

This study examines the presentation of madness in the major plays by Tennessee Williams, and demonstrates the ways that Williams's preoccupation with the mentally ill and society's treatment of them were explored through his drama. Thematic chapter groupings divide the analysis into discussions of confinement, language, women, and the artist. The critical approach is eclectic and the author draws on a variety of psychological, literary, and biographical sources to construct her argument. Analysis of madness in such plays as *A Streetcar Named Desire*, *Suddenly Last Summer*, *The Night of the Iguana*, and *The Two-Character Play* will interest scholars of Williams and readers interested in literary madness. One of the greatest American dramatists of the 20th century, Tennessee Williams is known for his sensitive characterizations, poetic yet realistic writing, ironic humor, and depiction, of harsh realities in human relationship. His work is frequently included in high school and college curricula, and his plays are continually produced. *Critical Companion to Tennessee Williams* includes entries on all of Williams's major and minor works, including *A Streetcar Named Desire*, *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, *The Glass Menagerie*, a novel, a collection of short stories, two poetry collections, and personal essays; places and events related to his works; major figures in his life; his literary influences; and issues in Williams scholarship and criticism. Appendixes include a complete list of Williams's works; a list of research libraries with significant Williams holdings; and a bibliography of primary and secondary sources.

A guide to reading "The Glass Menagerie" and "A Streetcar Named Desire" with a critical and appreciative mind encouraging analysis of plot, style, form, and structure. Also includes background on the author's life and times, sample tests, term paper suggestions, and a reading list.

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Seminar paper from the year 1999 in the subject American Studies - Literature, grade: very good, University of Paderborn (American Studies), course: Proseminar: New Orleans in Literature, 11 entries in the bibliography, language: English, abstract: This paper will compare and contrast the written form of Tennessee Williams' play *A Streetcar Named Desire* with the 1951 movie version.² It will explain and discuss the major differences between the two, focusing on the issue of censorship as it was an important factor in the development of the play from its Broadway form into a film. As this paper will show this was due to the fact that during the 1940s and 50s the world of theater in America was much more permissive than that of film. This paper will also examine Williams' concept of a 'plastic theater', an innovative approach by him which utilized music, sound effects, movement and lighting to express abstract themes. His idea of a 'plastic theater', was closer to the world of film than to the traditional form of the stage and is evident in *A Streetcar Named Desire*. It influenced the adaptation of the play to the big screen. [...]

Discusses the writing of *A Streetcar Named Desire* by Tennessee Williams. Includes critical essays on the work and a brief biography of the author.

The *Glass Menagerie* avait apporté à son auteur une gloire nationale, *A Streetcar Named Desire* lui donna une renommée universelle. Tennessee Williams devint alors, et pour une vingtaine d'années, le plus grand dramaturge américain vivant, peut-être le plus grand simplement. La présence de *Streetcar* au programme des concours doit susciter une relecture en profondeur de cette pièce et en favoriser une réévaluation. Car cette oeuvre est une merveille de précision dont aucun élément n'apparaît comme gratuit ou superflu. Elle illustre aussi parfaitement l'univers de son créateur et, dès son entrée en scène, Blanche DuBois a partout conquis l'attention et le coeur du public qui a reconnu en elle l'incarnation tragique du Vieux Sud emporté par le vent, et l'héritière contemporaine des héroïnes raciniennes. Vivien Leigh, dans le film de Kazan, contribua à la rendre inoubliable. Tennessee Williams qui, aux États-Unis, a désormais sa place parmi les classiques, reste en France un glorieux inconnu. Puisse ce livre contribuer à le faire aimer. Claude COULON est maître de conférences à l'université Paris IV-Sorbonne. Président du RADAC (Recherches sur les Arts Dramatiques Anglophones Contemporains), membre du bureau de la Société d'histoire du théâtre, il a traduit et mis en scène des pièces du répertoire américain (dont Tennessee Williams) en France. Cet ouvrage est le fruit de la collaboration entre les éditions Armand Colin, et le Centre National d'Enseignement à Distance, établissement public d'enseignement qui dispense des formations de tous niveaux à plus de 350 000 inscrits répartis dans le monde entier. Cette contribution scientifique d'enseignants chercheurs de l'Université française s'intègre dans les préparations assurées par le CNED aux CAPES et aux agrégations d'anglais qui comprennent aussi des conseils méthodologiques et des entraînements aux épreuves des concours avec correction personnalisée. Les très riches heures du théâtre américain. De Tom à Tennessee. Les structures de *Streetcar*. Les personnages. Art et technique. Tragique et tragédie. De la scène à l'écran.

The story behind the creation of Tennessee Williams's iconic play is partially drawn from interviews with surviving live performance cast members, shares insights into the connection between Vivien Leigh's personal life and the film role of Blanche, and traces the history of the play's adaptation to film. Reprint. 20,000 first printing.

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These are the notes to accompany Tennessee Williams' *A Streetcar Named Desire*. The notes trace the personal history of this prolific writer and examine how the events of his life contributed to the power of his play. They also discuss the play's stage directions, the dialogue and the symbolism.

This film score handbook provides a detailed analysis of Alex North's astounding score for Elia Kazan's 1951 adaptation of *A Streetcar Named Desire*. Beginning with a review of North's musical training and film scoring techniques, the book then uses approaches from both musicology and film studies to present a comprehensive exploration of the film's (self-)censorship and its impact on North's music, most notably in the film's infamous staircase scene.

Cast ages.

A continuous history of the play, *Streetcar named desire* in production from 1947 to 1998, with emphasis on the Broadway premiere.

Describes the background of *A Streetcar Named Desire*, discusses the play's themes, and looks at its critical reception

This collection of thirteen original essays covers Williams's work from the early apprenticeship years in the 1930s to his last play before his death in 1983.

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Tennessee Williams wrote to family, friends and fellow artists with equal measures of piety, wit, and astute self-knowledge. Presented with a running commentary to separate Williams' often hilarious, but sometimes devious, counter-reality from the truth, the letters form a kind of autobiography.

Insight Study Guides are written by experts and cover a range of popular literature, plays and films. Designed to provide insight and an overview about each text for students and teachers, these guides endeavor to develop knowledge and understanding rather than just provide answers and summaries.

A definitive collection of poetic works by the eminent playwright features substantial piece variants, poems from his plays, and accompanying explanatory notes, in a volume that is complemented by a CD recording of the author's reading of his "Blue Mountain Ballads" and other works. Reprint.

A comprehensive study guide offering in-depth explanation, essay, and test prep for selected

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works by Tennessee Williams, whose creative endeavors earned him two Pulitzer Prizes. Titles in this study guide include *The Glass Menagerie* and *A Streetcar Named Desire*. As an author of southern gothic and memory literature, Williams had a significant impact on theater and has been established as one of America's most successful playwrights. Moreover, he brought symbolism and poetic language to the stage as his writing evolved. This Bright Notes Study Guide explores the context and history of Williams' classic work, helping students to thoroughly explore the reasons they have stood the literary test of time. Each Bright Notes Study Guide contains: - Introductions to the Author and the Work - Character Summaries - Plot Guides - Section and Chapter Overviews - Test Essay and Study Q&As The Bright Notes Study Guide series offers an in-depth tour of more than 275 classic works of literature, exploring characters, critical commentary, historical background, plots, and themes. This set of study guides encourages readers to dig deeper in their understanding by including essay questions and answers as well as topics for further research.

Detailed analysis of Williams' most studied plays, together with questions and study aids to assist students.

Presents a collection of ten critical essays on Williams's play "A Streetcar Named Desire" arranged in chronological order of publication.

A Streetcar Named Desire Longman; York Press

For use in schools and libraries only. Tennessee Williams' classic drama studies the emotional disintegration of a Southern woman whose last chance for happiness is destroyed by her vindictive brother-in-law.

Features letters written by the American playwright, revealing his childhood experiences, college years struggling with goals, grades, and money, and his emerging relationships.

Alex North (1910-1991) was one of America's most renowned film composers. His musical scores enhanced more than 60 major motion pictures--*A Streetcar Named Desire*, *Cleopatra* and *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf* among them. He had 15 Oscar nominations, and received the Lifetime Achievement Oscar. This book begins with his early life in Pennsylvania, and moves through his studies at Juilliard and in Russia and Mexico, his early experiences in modern dance, documentaries, and theater, and his major work in film. The book also offers analyses of North's musical scores for *Streetcar*, *Spartacus*, *The Misfits*, *Under the Volcano*, and *Prizzi's Honor*. Appendices include a bibliography, a filmography, a listing of other North compositions, a discography, and a listing of awards.

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A comprehensively revised student edition of this classic play which depicts a turbulent confrontation between traditional values in the American South and the rough-edged, aggressive materialism of the new world.

Presents a collection of essays on the play that analyze its characters, major themes, and critical history.

"Collected here for the first time, these twelve plays embrace what Time magazine called "the four major concerns of Williams' dramatic imagination: loneliness, love, the violated heart and the valiancy of survival"--Back cover.

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