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Playwriting Brief & Brilliant (Career Development)



Synopsis

Succinct and thorough, "Playwriting, Brief & Brilliant" will, in just one hour of reading, tell you everything you need to know about playwriting. It guides you through the basics of dialogue, character, and plot. It gives tips for getting past writer's block. and finally, it provides practical advice on marketing your play.

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Customer Reviews

Julie Jensen's treatment of the craft of playwriting is, indeed, brilliant. In the few words she uses in this short book, she is able to say more than entire collections of texts that have gathered dust for years on my office shelves. Her ability to condense this craft down to its essence is welcomed. However, the brevity of the books does not mean it has nothing to offer. I rank it as similar to Robert Edmond Jones' THE DRAMATIC IMAGINATION in that the material is simple enough to understand at first reading and deep enough to draw the serious artist back for a second dose of instruction.

For more than ten years I used this as a text book in my class on script writing. I'm about to start another workshop, and while no books are to be required, I will be strongly recommending this book

to all the participants. It is the most concise, most useful text for writing for the theater I have yet to come across.

Brief, really brief. But it hits all the basic points, and gives you a series of checklists to keep handy as you work on your writing, editing, and re-writing. Not necessarily the book you want if you're looking for in-depth discussions on the topics, but excellent overviews, to the point.

Briefly, it's too simple to be used to improve your writing. It's class required. I purchased Will Dunne's *The Dramatic Writer's Companion: Tools to Develop Characters, Cause Scenes, and Build Stories* (Chicago Guides to Writing, Editing, and Publishing). So much better than this one.

This succinct and thorough examination of playwriting is organized and explained in a practical manner without unnecessary fluff. The chapter breakdowns assist in the organization of thoughts and is useful for any person who wants to diagnose the construction of plays as either a performer or part of the production team. Easy to read and understood by anyone with even the most basic understanding of theatre.

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