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Review

"David Mamet has raised outrage to an art form. . . . *Oleanna* is...a scorcher. The woods are burning, and all of us are being seared in the fire."—*Boston Globe*

"Mamet's clenched fist to the gut—and intellect...a vicious and timely riff on sexual harassment and political correctness. Pinter, Albee, Miller. They're all looking over Mamet's shoulder."—*New York*

"Wholly absorbing...a virtuoso performance...As if ripped right from the typewriter, it could not be more direct in its technique or incendiary in its ambition. . . . *Oleanna* is likely to provoke more arguments than any other play this year."—*The New York Times*

"Our foremost master of the language of moral epilepsy."—*Newsweek*

From the Back Cover

In David Mamet's latest play, a male college instructor and his female student sit down to discuss her grades and in a terrifyingly short time become the participants in a modern reprise of the Inquisition. Innocuous remarks suddenly turn damning. Socratic dialogue gives way to heated assault. And the relationship between a somewhat fatuous teacher and his seemingly hapless pupil turns into a fiendishly accurate X ray of the mechanisms of power, censorship, and abuse.

About the Author

David Mamet is a Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright and an Academy Award-nominated screenwriter, as well as a director, novelist, poet, and essayist. He has written the screenplays for more than twenty films, including *Heist*, *Spartan*, *House of Games*, *The Spanish Prisoner*, *The Winslow Boy*, *Wag the Dog*, and the Oscar-nominated *The Verdict*. His more than twenty plays include *Oleanna*, *The Cryptogram*, *Speed-the-Plow*, *American Buffalo*, *Sexual Perversity in Chicago*, and the Pulitzer Prizewinning *Glengarry Glen Ross*. Born in Chicago in 1947, Mamet has taught at the Yale School of Drama, New York University, and Goddard College, and is a founding member of the Atlantic Theater Company.

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