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FULL TEXT OF BOOKS AND PLAYS-

[ASIAN AMERICAN DRAMA \(1891-present\)](#)

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[LATINO LITERATURE, POETRY, DRAMA AND FICTION](#)

[EARLY ENGLISH BOOKS ONLINE \(1475-1700\)](#) contains books plus royal statutes and proclamations, military, religious, legal, Parliamentary, and other public documents

[Literature Online \(LION\)](#) Click on “Individual collections” to access *American Drama 1714-1915*, *English Drama* (from the medieval mystery cycles to the comedies of Oscar Wilde), *Twentieth-Century Drama* (1890’s to present). 8,900 plays total

[BERTOLT BRECHTS WERKE \(1898-1956\)](#)

OTHER PRIMARY SOURCES –

[THE SHAKESPEARE COLLECTION](#) – includes prompt books, Gordon Crosse Theatrical Diaries, and full text of the Arden editions of Shakespeare’s plays

[EARLY AMERICAN IMPRINTS SERIES 1 & 2 \(1639 –1819\)](#) covering every aspect of American life during the early decades of the United States, provides full-text access to the 36,000 American books, pamphlets and broadsides

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[IN THE FIRST PERSON](#): Index to Letters, Diaries, Oral Histories, and Other Personal Narratives

[PERIODICAL CONTENTS INDEX](#): unique in combining a broad subject base with deep chronological coverage going back over 200 years.

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[NORTH AMERICAN THEATRE ONLINE \(1600 – present\)](#): detailed reference information on all aspects of the Canadian and American theatre.

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[INTERNATIONAL BIBLIOGRAPHY OF THEATRE AND DANCE](#)

[LITERATURE ONLINE](#) **NOW INCLUDES** [MLA \(Modern Language Association\) \(1963-present\)](#)

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[PERIODICAL ABSTRACTS \(ProQuest\)](#) restrict to '*Research Library*' for scholarly articles

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[AMERICA HISTORY AND LIFE \(1964-present\)/HISTORICAL ABSTRACTS \(1973-present\)](#)

[HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES RETROSPECTIVE \(1907-1984\)](#): articles and reviews

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