

### Neil Simon Plaza Suite

"Four couples arrive, in turn, from New York, Philadelphia, London and Chicago and seprately inhabit a suite at The Beverly Hills Hotel, bringing along their problems, anxieties, and comical marital dilemmas. The view from Beverly Hills will never look the same!"--Cover.

A brand new lawyer and his young bride have returned from their honeymoon and are moving into their new high-rent apartment only to find that the place is absolutely bare of furniture, the paint job is all wrong, the skylight leaks, there is room for only one twin bed, and the wacky neighbors pop up at the worst times.

Koprince (English, U. of North Dakota at Grand Forks) seeks to grant the prolific and popular playwright a measure of the serious literary attention that has passed his work by. She analyzes 16 of Simon's comedies beginning with his first Broadway effort, *Blow your horn* (1961) and ending with *Laughter on the 23rd floor* (1993). Koprince emphasizes Simon's versatility, craftsmanship, and willingness to experiment with the comedic form as well as the fundamentally serious nature of his plays. Small format: 5.25x7.25". Annotation copyrighted by Book News, Inc., Portland, OR

Theatre Program , Group Theatre Company

Screenplay

California Suite

A Play in Three Acts

Rumors

"After a short stay in rehab, her best friend age-defying Toby, her daughter Polly, and Jimmy Perry, a gay actor try to help her adjust to sobriety with a jolly birthday party. Enter Lou Tanner, a former lover, who ends up giving her a black eye. The party is a wash out, the "gingerbread lady" falls off the wagon and hits the ropes once again. Later rewritten by Neil Simon as the film *Only When I Laugh* starring Marsha Mason." -- Publisher's description.

A coming of age tale that focuses on brothers Arty and Jay, left in the care of their Grandma Kurnitz and Aunt Bella in Yonkers, New York. Their desperate father, Eddie, works as a traveling salesman to pay off debts incurred following the death of his wife. Grandma is a severe, frightfully intimidating immigrant who terrified her children as they were growing up, damaging each of them to varying degrees. Bella is a sweet but mentally slow and highly excitable woman who longs to marry an usher at the local movie house so she can escape the oppressive household and create a life and family of her own. Her brother Louie is a small-time, tough-talking hoodlum who is on the run, while her sister Gert suffers from a breathing problem with causes more psychological than physical problems. Missing much of the sentimentality of the plays comprising Simon's earlier Eugene trilogy, *Lost in Yonkers* climaxes with a dramatic confrontation between embittered mother and lonely daughter that creates a permanent fissure in this highly dysfunctional family.

The second in Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Neil Simon's trilogy which began with *Brighton Beach Memoirs* and concluded with *Broadway Bound*. When we last met Eugene Jerome, he was coping with adolescence in 1930's Brooklyn. Here, he is a young army recruit during WW II, going through basic training and learning about Life and Love with a capital 'L' along with some harsher lessons, while stationed at boot camp in Biloxi, Mississippi in 1943.

The Dinner Party

God's Favorite

The Neil Simon Collection

Little me

Rewrites

**Includes typewritten manuscripts of theatrical plays by Simon, including *The odd couple (in various translations)*, *The out-of-towners*, and *Plaza Suite*. Also includes a signed photograph of Simon.**

A comedy of present-day New York life.

**The Plymouth Theatre, Saint-Subber presents Maureen Stapleton, Don Porter in Neil Simon's new comedy "Plaza Suite," with Lynda Myles, Robert Gerlach, Jose Ocasio, scenic production by Oliver Smith, Lighting by Jean Rosenthal, costumes by Patricia Zipprodt, hairstyles by Ernest Adler, directed by Mike Nichols.**

Neil Simon Plays

**Plaza Suite, by Neil Simon**

**A New Comedy**

**The Prisoner of Second Avenue**

**Neil Simon Scenes**

A comedy - straight from Broadway.

Length: 2 acts.

This book offers actors a wide range of scenes that are intended for workshop, audition and classroom use. The synopses of the plays cover major plot points and offer a general story outline. Plays include: *Come Blow Your Horn*; *The Odd Couple*; *Plaza Suite*; *The Sunshine Boys*; *California Suite*; *Fools*; *Brighton Beach Memoirs*; *Broadway Bound*; *Jake's Women* and *London Suite*.

A New Play

Audio Theatre

Plaza Suite

Plaza Suite. Directed on Broadway by Mike Nichols

Brighton Beach Memoirs

**"Comedy / Characters: 2 males, 4 females Scenery: Interior Mel Edison is a well paid executive of a high-end Manhattan firm which has suddenly hit the skids and he gets the ax. His wife Edna takes a job to tide them over, then she too is sacked. Compounded by the air-pollution killing his plants, and with the walls of the apartment paper-thin, allowing him a constant earfull of his neighbors private lives things cant seem to get any worse ... then hes robbed and his psychiatrist dies with \$23,000 of his money. Mel does the only thing left for him to do-he has a nervous breakdown and its the best thing that ever happened to him."--Back cover.**

**Neil Simon's plays are to some extent a reflection of his life, sometimes autobiographical, other times based on the experiences of those close to him. What the reader of this warm, nostalgic memoir discovers, however, is that the plays, although grounded in Neil Simon's own experience, provide only a glimpse into the mind and soul of this very private man. In Rewrites, he tells of the painful discord he endured at home as a child, of his struggles to develop his talent as a writer, and of his insecurities when dealing with what proved to be his first great success -- falling in love. Supporting players in the anecdote-filled memoir include Sid Caesar, Jerry Lewis, Walter Matthau, Robert Redford, Gwen Verdon, Bob Fosse, Maureen Stapleton, George C. Scott, Peter Sellers, and Mike Nichols. But always at center stage is his first love, his wife Joan, whose death in the early seventies devastated him, and whose love and inspiration illuminate this remarkable and revealing self-portrait. Rewrites is rich in laughter and emotion, and filled with the memories of a sometimes sweet, sometimes bittersweet life. Theatre program.**

**A New Comedy with Music**

**Chapter Two**

**A Comedy in Three Acts**

**Neil Simon's 45 Seconds from Broadway**

**London Suite**

The complete memoirs of Neil Simon, the greatest—and most successful—American playwright of all time, the author of such iconic works as *Lost in Yonkers*, *The Odd Couple*, *Biloxi Blues*, and *The Goodbye Girl*, now with an insightful Introduction by Nathan Lane. This omnibus edition combines Neil Simon's two memoirs, *Rewrites* and *The Play Goes On*, into one volume that spans his extraordinary

five-decade career in theater, television, and film. *Rewrites* takes Simon through his first love, his first play, and his first brush with failure. There is the humor of growing up in Washington Heights (the inspiration for his play *Brighton Beach Memoirs*) where, despite his parents' rocky marriage and many separations, he learned to see the funny side of family drama, as when his mother

thought she saw a body on the floor in their apartment—and it turned out to be the clothes his father discarded in the hallway after a night of carousing. He describes his marriage to his beloved wife, Joan, and writes lucidly about the pain of losing her to cancer. *The Play Goes On* adds to his life's story, as he wins the Pulitzer Prize and reflects with humor and insight on his tumultuous life and meteoric career. "Neil Simon's terrific memoirs are worth revisiting" (*New York Post*). Now, with the whole story in one place, he traces the history of modern entertainment over the last fifty years as seen through the eyes of a man who started life the son of a garment salesman and became the greatest—and most successful—American playwright of all time.

"First Draft" teleplay for Simon's adaptation of his stage play.

Cast size: medium.

The Good Doctor

Neil Simon's Memoirs

Last of the red hot lovers

A Comedy

Broadway Bound

A portrait of three couples successively occupying a suite at the Plaza. A suburban couple take the suite while their house is being painted and it turns out to be the one in which they honeymooned 23 (or was it 24?) years before and was yesterday the anniversary, or is it today? This tale of marriage in tatters is followed by the exploits of a Hollywood producer who, after three marriages, is looking for fresh fields. He calls a childhood sweetheart, now a suburban housewife, for a little sexual diversion. Over the years she has idolized him from afar and is now more than the match he bargained for. The last couple is a mother and father fighting about the best way to get their daughter out of the bathroom and down to the ballroom where guests await her or as Mother yells, "I want you to come out of that bathroom and get married!"--Publisher's description.

At a large, tastefully-appointed Sneden's Landing townhouse, the Deputy Mayor of New York has just shot himself. Though only a flesh wound, four couples are about to experience a severe attack of Farce. Gathering for their tenth wedding anniversary, the host lies bleeding in the other room, and his wife is nowhere in sight. His lawyer, Ken, and wife, Chris, must get "the story" straight before the other guests arrive. As the confusions and mis-communications mount, the evening spins off into classic farcical hilarity.

This elegiac memory play delightfully recalls the last time the Hines family gathered at their retreat in the Poconos. The summer of 1953 brings romantic entanglements that coalesce one idyllic afternoon; Burt Hines, mid-50's and convalescing from a second heart attack, eagerly anticipates the arrival of the ex-wife he still loves. Daughter Josie has just broken her engagement to a Harvard law student and pines for his buddy Ray, an aspiring writer with whom she once had a brief fling. Clemma, the black housekeeper at the center of the action casts a astute eye on the complications while facing with her own unresolved past.

A Comedy in Two Acts

Barefoot in the Park

The Gingerbread Lady

a comedy in three acts

The Collected Plays of Neil Simon: Come blow your horn. Barefoot in the park. The odd couple. The star-spangled girl. Promises, promises. Plaza suite. Last of the red hot lovers

**A comedy in two acts.**

**"Now, for the first time ever, Simon's complete life story is collected in one volume with a new introduction and afterword"---Jacket.**

**Brings together the texts of Simon's Chapter Two, California Suite, God's Favorite, The Good Doctor, The Sunshine Boys, The Prisoner of Second Avenue, The Gingerbread Lady, and Little Me.**

**I Ought to be in Pictures**

**Biloxi Blues**

**Realization of the Scenic and Lighting Design for the Play Plaza Suite by Neil Simon**

**Plaza Suite (Audio Theatre)**

**Scenes from the Works of America's Foremost Playwright**

**Comedy Characters: 6 male, 6 female Interior Set From America's master of Contemporary Broadway Comedy, here is another revealing comedy behind the scenes in the entertainment world, this time near the heart of the theatre district. 45 Seconds from Broadway takes place in the legendary "Polish Tea Room" on New York's 47th Street. Here Broadway theatre personalities washed-up and on-the-rise, gather to schmooz even as they lose. This touching valentine to New York**

**Performances of Neil Simon's "Plaza Suite" by the Group Theatre Company, directed by Kay Kelly, cast includes: Greg Beer, Kathleen Starr, Dean Roberts, Don Goldsmith, Rosssyn Anderson, David Flanagan, Beverley Stobie, Claire Liverpool, Bruce Rosen, Ian Anderson and Jill Wachmer.**

**Ten essential plays by Neil Simon, one of the world's most celebrated, translated, and widely performed playwrights: Barefoot in the Park, The Odd Couple, Plaza Suite, The Prisoner of Second Avenue, California Suite, Chapter Two, Brighton Beach Memoirs, Biloxi Blues, Broadway Bound and Lost in Yonkers.**

**Neil Simon's Proposals**

**Production of the Play, Plaza Suite, by Neil Simon**

**Plaza Suite. A Comedy in Three Acts**

**Lost in Yonkers**

**Understanding Neil Simon**

Full Length, Comic Drama / 3m, 4f / Comb. Ints/Ext. Here is part one of Neil Simon's autobiographical trilogy: a portrait of the writer as a young teen in 1937 living with his family in a crowded, lower middle-class Brooklyn walk-up. Eugene Jerome, standing in for the author, is the narrator and central character. Dreaming of baseball and girls, Eugene must cope with the mundane existence of his family life in Brooklyn: formidable mother, overworked father, and his worldly older brother Stanley. Throw into the mix his widowed Aunt Blanche, her two young (but rapidly aging) daughters and Grandpa the Socialist and you have a recipe for hilarity, served up Simon-style. This bittersweet memoir evocatively captures the life of a struggling Jewish household where, as his father states "if you didn't have a problem, you wouldn't be living here." "Brings a fresh glow to Broadway...In many respects his funniest, richest and consequently the most affecting of his plays."-New York Times
Daily News "Simultaneously poignant and funny. The characters are fully dimensional, believable...An outstanding show...the best seen on Broadway in too long a time."-Variety "Hilarious comedy...His finest play...A delightful and enriching experience."-CBS-TV

A collection of vignettes including an old woman who storms a bank and upbraids the manager for his gout and lack of money, a father who takes his son to a house for sex only to relent at the last moment, a grafty seducer who realizes it is the married woman who is in command, the tale of a man who offers to drown himself for three rubles, etc.

Neil Simon's hilarious comedy follows three brief encounters in the same suite at the famed Plaza Hotel in New York City, in Visitors from Mamaronek, Visitor from Hollywood and Visitors from Forest Hills.

Come Blow Your Horn