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Discover the multifaceted 'play' associated with American Buffalo, encompassing both the intriguing social behaviors of North American Bison in their natural habitats and the compelling drama of David Mamet's acclaimed theatrical work, 'American Buffalo.' This phrase invites exploration into wildlife dynamics, iconic American theatre, and the profound narratives they both present.

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American Buffalo

American Buffalo, which won both the Drama Critics Circle Award for the best American play and the Obie Award, is considered a classic of the American theater. Newsweek acclaimed Mamet as the "hot young American playwright . . . someone to watch." The New York Times exclaimed in admiration: "The man can write!" Other critics called the play "a sizzler," "super," and "dynamite." Now from Gregory Mosher, the producer of the original stage production, comes a stunning screen adaptation, directed by Michael Corrente and starring Dustin Hoffman, Dennis Franz, and Sean Nelson. A classic tragedy, American Buffalo is the story of three men struggling in the pursuit of their distorted vision of the American Dream. By turns touching and cynical, poignant and violent, American Buffalo is a piercing story of how people can be corrupted into betraying their ideals and those they love.

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Two neighborhood punks and the owner of a junk shop plot to burglarize a coin collector's apartment. They fail because of inertia, ineptitude and mutual distrust, but remain bound together by their helpless frustration. 2 acts, 3 men, 1 interior.

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I don't fuck with my friends, Don. I don't fuck with my business associates. I am a businessman, I am here to do business, I am here to face facts. Winning the New York Drama Critics' Circle Award for Best Play, David Mamet's American Buffalo examines the fickle nature of honour among thieves. As three small-time crooks, Walter "Teach" Cole, Don Dubrow and Bobby, plan one big-time heist, a tragedy of errors spins this razor-sharp and darkly funny play into a blistering account of divided loyalties, insatiable greed and a coveted Buffalo nickel. Considered a classic of the American canon and recognised as one of Mamet's masterpieces, American Buffalo premiered at the Goodman Theatre, Chicago, and opened on Broadway on February 16, 1977. This edition of the play was published to coincide with the West End revival in 2015, starring Damian Lewis, John Goodman and Tom Sturridge.

American Buffalo

Play by the American dramatist.

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In a Chicago junk shop three small time crooks plot to rob a man of his coin collection, the showpiece of which is a valuable "Buffalo nickel". These high-minded grifters fancy themselves businessmen pursuing legitimate free enterprise. But the reality of the three; -Donny, the oafish junk shop owner; Bobby, a young junkie Donny has taken under his wing and "Teach"; a violently paranoid braggart - is that they are merely pawns caught up in their own game of last-chance, dead end, empty pipe dreams.

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From the host of the Travel Channel's "The Wild Within." A hunt for the American buffalo—an adventurous, fascinating examination of an animal that has haunted the American imagination. In 2005, Steven Rinella won a lottery permit to hunt for a wild buffalo, or American bison, in the Alaskan wilderness. Despite the odds—there's only a 2 percent chance of drawing the permit, and fewer than 20 percent of those hunters are successful—Rinella managed to kill a buffalo on a snow-covered mountainside and then raft the meat back to civilization while being trailed by grizzly bears and suffering from hypothermia. Throughout these adventures, Rinella found himself contemplating his own place among the 14,000 years' worth of buffalo hunters in North America, as well as the buffalo's place in the American experience. At the time of the Revolutionary War, North America was home to approximately 40 million buffalo, the largest herd of big mammals on the planet, but by the mid-1890s only a few hundred remained. Now that the buffalo is on the verge of a dramatic ecological recovery across the West, Americans are faced with the challenge of how, and if, we can dare to share our land with a beast that is the embodiment of the American wilderness. *American Buffalo* is a narrative tale of Rinella's hunt. But beyond that, it is the story of the many ways in which the buffalo has shaped our national identity. Rinella takes us across the continent in search of the buffalo's past, present, and future: to the Bering Land Bridge, where scientists search for buffalo bones amid artifacts of the New World's earliest human inhabitants; to buffalo jumps where Native Americans once ran buffalo over cliffs by the thousands; to the Detroit Carbon works, a "bone charcoal" plant that made fortunes in the late 1800s by turning millions of tons of buffalo bones into bone meal, black dye, and fine china; and even to an abattoir turned fashion mecca in Manhattan's Meatpacking District, where a depressed buffalo named Black Diamond met his fate after serving as the model for the American nickel. Rinella's erudition and exuberance, combined with his gift for storytelling, make him the perfect guide for a book that combines outdoor adventure with a quirky blend of facts and observations about history, biology, and the natural world. Both a captivating narrative and a book of environmental and historical significance, *American Buffalo* tells us as much about ourselves as Americans as it does about the creature who perhaps best of all embodies the American ethos.

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A Study Guide for David Mamet's "American Buffalo," excerpted from Gale's acclaimed *Drama For Students*. This concise study guide includes plot summary; character analysis; author biography; study questions; historical context; suggestions for further reading; and much more. For any literature project, trust *Drama For Students* for all of your research needs.

A Study Guide for David Mamet's American Buffalo

In a series of scenes we see two actors - a seasoned professional and a novice - backstage and onstage going through a cycle of roles and an entire wardrobe of costumes.

American Buffalo

A selection of plays by the American playwright David Mamet.

A Life in the Theatre

Three plays from the Pulitzer Prize and Tony Award-winning author of *Glengarry Glen Ross* and *American Buffalo*. *The Woods* is a modern dramatic parable about, as Mamet put it, "why men and women have a hard time trying to get along with each other." The story features a young man and woman spending a night in his family's cabin where they experience passion, then disillusionment, but are in the end reconciled by mutual need. In *Lakeboat*, an Ivy League college student takes a summer job as a cook aboard a Great Lakes cargo ship where the crewmembers—men of all ages—share their wild fantasies about sex, gambling, and violence. Mamet also wrote the screenplay to the 2000 film starring Peter Falk and Denis Leary. In *Edmond*, a white-collar New York City man is set morally

adrift after a visit to a fortune-teller. He soon leaves an unfulfilling marriage to find sex, adventure, companionship, and, ultimately, the meaning of his existence. Mamet also wrote the screenplay for the 2005 film starring William H. Macy. "[A] beautifully conceived love story." —Chicago Daily News on *The Woods* "[Mamet's] language has never been so precise, pure, and affecting." —Richard Eder of *The New York Times* on *The Woods* "Richly overheard talk and loopy, funny construction." —Michael Feingold in *The Village Voice* on *Lakeboat* "A riveting theatrical experience that illuminates the heart of darkness." —Jack Kroll of *Newsweek* on *Edmond*

Plays

Duck Variations: "A brilliant little play...about two old men sitting on a park bench discussing ducks" (*Guardian*); *Sexual Perversity in Chicago*, bar-room banter and sexual exploits in Mamet's home town "sweet sad understanding and utterly believable" (*Chicago Daily News*); *Squirrels* is a sequence of philosophising between a younger writer, an older writer and a cleaning lady which "memorably captures the agony of the creative process" (*Daily Telegraph*); *American Buffalo*, one of Mamet's most famous plays, is set in a junk shop where Three small-time crooks plot to carry out the midnight robbery of a coin collection - in the hours leading up to the heist, friendship becomes the victim in a conflict between loyalty and business. *The Water Engine* is "a propulsive, kaleidoscopic nightmare" and *Mr Happiness* is a short ironic monologue by a Radio DJ commenting on the letters from his listeners.

The Woods, Lakeboat, Edmond

In a terrifyingly short time, a male college instructor and his female student descend from a discussion of her grades into 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.

Mamet Plays: 1

You were brought up on mythology. Hollow mythology. That's why you're all stuck, all angry, a prince in the wrong story. A prince with a black eye. Fleeing a world he has rejected, Robin finds solace in his music and the sanctuary of his remote family home. But as his kingdom begins to crumble around him, how far will he go to save it and at what cost? Polly Stenham's *No Quarter* premiered at the Royal Court Theatre, London, in January 2013.

Oleanna

Speed-the-Plow is an exhilaratingly sharp, comical, disturbing play about the power of money and sex in Hollywood, and how they corrupt two movie producers. *Speed-the-Plow* opened at Lincoln Center to sold-out seats, rave reviews and much fanfare in March 1988—starring Madonna, Joe Mantegna, and Ron Silver—and later moved to and had a long-standing run on Broadway.

No Quarter

Everyman is successful, popular and riding high when Death comes calling. Forced to abandon the life he has built, he embarks on a last, frantic search to recruit a friend, anyone, to speak in his defence. But Death is close behind, and time is running out. One of the great primal, spiritual myths, *Everyman* asks whether it is only in death that we can understand our lives. A cornerstone of English drama since the 15th century, this new adaptation by Poet Laureate Carol Ann Duffy was presented at the National Theatre, London, in April 2015.

Speed-the-Plow

Introduced shortly after the United States declared its independence, poker's growth and development has paralleled that of America itself. As a gambling game with mass appeal, poker has been played by presidents and peasants, at kitchen tables and final tables, for matchsticks and millions. First came the hands, then came the stories – some true, some pure bluffs, and many in between. In *Poker & Pop Culture: Telling the Story of America's Favorite Card Game*, Martin Harris shares these stories while chronicling poker's progress from 19th-century steamboats and saloons to 21st-century virtual tables online, including: Poker on the Mississippi Poker in the Movies Poker in the Old West Poker on the Newsstand Poker in the Civil War Poker in Literature Poker on the Bookshelf Poker in Music Poker in

the White House Poker on Television Poker During Wartime Poker on the Computer From Mark Twain to "Dogs Playing Poker" to W.C. Fields to John Wayne to A Streetcar Named Desire to the Cold War to Kenny Rogers to ESPN to Star Trek: The Next Generation and beyond, *Poker & Pop Culture* provides a comprehensive survey of cultural productions in which poker is of thematic importance, showing how the game's portrayal in the mainstream has increased poker's relevance to American history and shaped the way we think about the game and its significance.

The Frog Prince

"The finest American author of his generation."—Sunday Mail This complex new work from celebrated playwright David Mamet revolves around a wealthy man, his young fiancée, and an airplane. The man has just bought a new plane as a wedding present for the girl. He intends to go into semiretirement and enjoy himself. While in the process of leaving his office, and giving last minute instructions to his young assistant, he takes one final phone call. The new, widely anticipated play premieres on Broadway this fall, starring Tony and Academy Award-winning actor Al Pacino, for whom the play was written. Pacino described the role of billionaire Mickey Ross as "one of the most daunting and challenging roles I've been given to explore in the theater" and declared, "it blew me away." David Mamet is an American playwright, director, and screenwriter whose most notable works include *Glengarry Glen Ross* (Pulitzer Prize for Drama), *American Buffalo*, *Speed-the-Plow*, *Oleanna*, *November*, *Race*, and *The Anarchist*. Besides the film adaptations of his plays, his major screenwriting credits include *The Postman Always Rings Twice*, *The Verdict*, *Rising Sun*, *Wag the Dog*, and *Hannibal*. Over the course of his prolific career, Mamet has earned Tony Award nominations, Academy Award nominations, Drama Desk Awards, and "Screenwriter of the Year" from the London Critics Circle Film Awards.

Everyman

This book supports the claim that David Mamet is possibly the first true verse dramatist by examining in detail his celebrated use of language as dramatic action. Five of Mamet's best known plays are studied in detail: *Sexual Perversity in Chicago*, *American Buffalo*, *A Life in the Theatre*, *Edmond*, and *Glengarry Glen Ross*.

Poker & Pop Culture

In his previous volumes of notes and essays, David Mamet has touched upon many aspects of his life as a writer. In 'Writing in Restaurants' he reflects modestly on his career, while 'Some Freaks' discourses loudly and entertainingly on aspects of contemporary culture - like the movies, Disneyland and on being a tourist. 'On Directing Film' shows his ebullient and practical approach to his own film-making. Central to these essays is Mamet's own work as a writer, and it is in 'The Cabin' that Mamet comes closest to defining himself. Included are autobiographical vignettes from childhood and youth describing the gamut of human emotion, from childhood fear to adult nostalgia in the re-creation of the past.

China Doll (TCG Edition)

THE STORY: Anna and Claire are two bantering, scheming women of fashion who have long lived together on the fringes of upper-class society. Anna has just become the mistress of a wealthy man, from whom she has received an enormous emerald and an

David Mamet

The first single-volume edition of this stunning early Mamet play You know how much of our life we're alive, you and me? Nothing. Two minutes out of the year. When we meet someone new, when we get married, when, when, when, when we're in difficulties... once in our life at the death of someone that we love. That's... in a carcrash... and that's it. You know, you know, we're sheltered... A fortune-teller's teasing rumination sends *Edmond* lurching into New York City's hellish underworld, his whole life abandoned in a searing quest for self-discovery and redemption. A furious, unflinching, whirlwind of a play first produced in 1982. "A stunning amorality play, glittering and disturbing, suspended in the dark void of contemporary New York. It is also a technically adventurous piece pared brilliantly to the bone, highly theatrical in its scenic elisions" *Financial Times* "A riveting theatrical experience that illuminates the heart of darkness" *Newsweek* Publication of this edition ties in with a production in July 2003 at the Royal National Theatre starring Kenneth Branagh.

A Whore's Profession

A searing new comedy from the Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright of August: Osage County.

American Buffalo ; [and], Sexual Perversity in Chicago ; &, Duck Variations

THE STORY: Arthur Przybylski owns a decrepit donut shop in the Uptown neighborhood of Chicago. Franco Wicks, a black teenager who is his only employee, wants to change the shop for the better. This comedy-drama by Tony Award and Pulitzer Prize-w

Boston Marriage

A big-shouldered, big-trouble thriller set in mobbed-up 1920s Chicago—a city where some people knew too much, and where everyone should have known better—by the Oscar-nominated screenwriter of *The Untouchables* and Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright of *Glengarry Glen Ross*. Mike Hodge—veteran of the Great War, big shot of the *Chicago Tribune*, medium fry—probably shouldn't have fallen in love with Annie Walsh. Then, again, maybe the man who killed Annie Walsh have known better than to trifle with Mike Hodge. In *Chicago*, David Mamet has created a bracing, kaleidoscopic page-turner that roars through the Windy City's underground on its way to a thunderclap of a conclusion. Here is not only his first novel in more than two decades, but the book he has been building to for his whole career. Mixing some of his most brilliant fictional creations with actual figures of the era, suffused with trademark "Mamet Speak," richness of voice, pace, and brio, and exploring—as no other writer can—questions of honor, deceit, revenge, and devotion, *Chicago* is that rarest of literary creations: a book that combines spectacular elegance of craft with a kinetic wallop as fierce as the February wind gusting off Lake Michigan.

Edmond

Details the effects of westward expansion on the Plains Indian Nations who followed the seasonal migrations of buffalo herds.

The Minutes

THE STORIES: In *ALMOST DONE*, a young mother-to-be reflects on the stories she will pass down to her child. (1 woman.) In *MONOLOGUE* (FEBRUARY 1990), the speaker runs a gamut of thoughts leading up to the condemnation of self and questions over the p

Superior Donuts

These seven imaginative short theatre pieces by one of America's most inventive and highly regarded playwrights range widely in content, mood and style. The plays offer a stimulating challenge in terms of selecting, arranging, and mounting the diverse com

Chicago

Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright David Mamet, in this unique adaptation of one of the great masterpieces of the theater, allows us to see Anton Chekhov's "The Cherry Orchard" in totally new and surprising ways. As Mamet explains in his introduction, he views the play "as a series of scenes about sexuality and, particularly, frustrated sexuality" rather than about a dying Russia. The result, said 'The Sentinel,' "blows a gust of fresh air into the old play" while the *Chicago Sun-Times* called it "audacious [and] consistently arresting." "Mamet the adaptor has turned Chekhov's *Cherry Orchard* into a Mamet play. Mamet's ear is famously impeccable, the dialogue is always authentic and convincing This is a tribute to its strong point of view and clear point of departure. If nothing else, it will help to undermine our silly critical notions of 'definitive' Chekhov. Mamet has made me rethink the play." - Robert Brustein, 'The New Republic'

The Glass Menagerie

In a new adaptation of David Mamet's film, Harvard-educated psychoanalyst Margaret Ford is celebrated for her best selling book 'Driven! Compulsion and Obsession in Every Day Life'. Stepping in to help one of her patients settle his gambling debts, she compromises her professional reputation and is drawn into the seedy underworld of the House of Games poker club. Seduced by charismatic hustler

Mike, Margaret convinces herself that she can make an academic study of the con. Before she realises it, Margaret is entangled in a fast-paced complex thriller.

The Films of Al Pacino

In this gripping short play, David Mamet combines mercurial intelligence with genuinely Hitchcockian menace. *The Cryptogram* is a journey back into childhood and the moment of its vanishing—the moment when the sheltering world is suddenly revealed as a place full of dangers. On a night in 1959 a boy is waiting to go on a camping trip with his father. His mother wants him to go to sleep. A family friend is trying to entertain them—or perhaps distract them. Because in the dark corners of this domestic scene, there are rustlings that none of the players want to hear. And out of things as innocuous as a shattered teapot and a ripped blanket, Mamet re-creates a child terrifying discovery that the grownups are speaking in code, and that that code may never be breakable.

Following the Great Herds

From the Academy Award-nominated screenwriter and playwright: an exhilaratingly subversive inside look at Hollywood from a filmmaker who's always played by his own rules. Who really reads the scripts at the film studios? How is a screenplay like a personals ad? Why are there so many producers listed in movie credits? And what on earth do those producers do anyway? Refreshingly unafraid to offend, Mamet provides hilarious, surprising, and refreshingly forthright answers to these and other questions about every aspect of filmmaking from concept to script to screen. A bracing, no-holds-barred examination of the strange contradictions of Tinseltown, *Bambi vs. Godzilla* dissects the movies with Mamet's signature style and wit.

The Poet and the Rent

Now published in the Bloomsbury Revelations series, this is a classic work on the power and importance of drama by renowned American playwright, screenwriter and essayist David Mamet. In this short but arresting series of essays, David Mamet explains the necessity, purpose and demands of drama. A celebration of the ties that bind art to life, *Three Uses of the Knife* is an enthralling read for anyone who has sat anxiously waiting for the lights to go up on Act 1. In three tightly woven essays of characteristic force and resonance, Mamet speaks about the connection of art to life, language to power, imagination to survival, public spectacle to private script. Self-assured and filled with autobiographical touches *Three Uses of the Knife* is a call to art and arms, a manifesto that reminds us of the singular power of the theatre to keep us sane, whole and human.

A Life with No Joy in It, and Other Plays and Pieces

Short Plays and Monologues