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Editorial Review

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This work is interesting enough for its history. Completed in 1940, *Long Day's Journey Into Night* is an autobiographical play Eugene O'Neill wrote that--because of the highly personal writing about his family--was not to be released until 25 years after his death, which occurred in 1953. But since O'Neill's immediate family had died in the early 1920s, his wife allowed publication of the play in 1956. Besides the history alone, the play is fascinating in its own right. It tells of the "Tyrones"--a fictional name for what is clearly the O'Neills. Theirs is not a happy tale: The youngest son (Edmond) is sent to a sanitarium to recover from tuberculosis; he despises his father for sending him; his mother is wrecked by narcotics; and his older brother by drink. In real-life these factors conspired to turn O'Neill into who he was--a tormented individual and a brilliant playwright.

Review

"No play Eugene O'Neill ever wrote speaks more eloquently..." -- -- *New York Herald Tribune*

About the Author

Eugene O'Neill (1888-1953) was one of the most significant playwrights America has ever produced. His other plays include *The Hairy Ape*, *The Emperor Jones*, *A Moon For the Misbegotten*, and *The Iceman Cometh*. He received the Nobel Prize for literature in 1936.

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