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Bt says

Eh, it was just ok. I didn't love it, though I think the message is pretty good (you don't have to get affirmation from other people because that will always fail; you need to find it in yourself). There wasn't much in the way of monologues or scenes for practice work because there are a lot of character.

Kelly Hack says

A fun comedic play, full of wacky and wild characters. Great monologue pieces in it. I enjoyed reading it.

Craig Shields says

Mild racism aside, the second act is neither as focused nor as humorous as the first. As with any zany antics play, I'm sure it performs better than it reads.

Grace says

Cute, quirky play.

Cori says

Funny. Sad. Well-developed characters. Illustrative. Good story. I liked the ending.

Kimberly says

I thought I would like this play more since it is Beth Henley and set in my Mom's hometown of Brookhaven, MS. The characters were really quirky, but in a sad, lost-all-hope way. I'd hoped the play would be more uplifting. As with any play, it's meant to be performed, so maybe it would be more fun to watch. Although, I did see the movie many years ago and didn't think much of it. I didn't even recall the plot.

Louisa says

I was assigned the opening scene in this play for my Acting class so it made sense to me to read the entire

play. As someone who does not read straight plays often, I found this one to be entertaining and engaging. I was not bored reading it.

Some down sides would be that I feel that the Carnelle and Mac Sam relationship was not as strong or as important as it was trying to be. I also think this play has many cliches of other plays such as a character that was in an insane asylum and characters saying that they hate other characters when they were just talking about how great they were lines before.

Augusta Jane says

I have not read this bok, but I LOVE THE MOVIE! It is so sad at the end though

Glynnis says

I LANDED THE PART!!!!

Karen says

I'm not sure I would have liked this nearly as well if I hadn't first seen the movie. But then, of course, a play is meant to be performed. It's a beautiful story about a young woman who is trying to rise above her past, and who succeeds, though not in the way she had planned.

Mimi says

To this day, I still don't understand why this book was assigned reading. If there is anyone out there who can explain how this book is good teaching material, please help me understand.