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# A Dream Play



## Synopsis

In Strindberg's *A Dream Play*, written in 1901, characters merge into each other, locations change in an instant and a locked door becomes an obsessively recurrent image. As Strindberg himself wrote in his Preface, he wanted 'to imitate the disjointed yet seemingly logical shape of a dream. Everything can happen, everything is possible and probable. Time and place do not exist.'

Caryl Churchill's spare and resonant new version was first staged at the National Theatre, London, in a production by Katie Mitchell, where *A Dream Play* was called 'fresh, new and magical' (Telegraph). Caryl Churchill has written for the stage, television and radio. A renowned and prolific playwright, her plays include *Cloud Nine*, *Top Girls*, *Far Away*, *Drunk Enough to Say I Love You?*, *Bliss*, *Love and Information*, *Mad Forest* and *A Number*. In 2002, she received the Obie Lifetime Achievement Award and in 2010, she was inducted into the American Theater Hall of Fame.

August Strindberg (1849-1912) was a novelist and playwright from Stockholm, Sweden. His plays include *Miss Julie*, *The Father*, *To Damascus*, *A Dream Play*, and *The Pelican*. In 1912 Strindberg's birthday was marked by a torchlight procession through Stockholm, where his radical journalism had earned him the title of 'people's writer'.

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## Customer Reviews

Best swedish author. The whole story is amazing! He writes with his whole soul. Even all the characters seem real.

The play arrived at the time that I expected it to arrive. The play was in good quality. The play was really engaging, interesting, and funny. Although, it is very confusing and I got lost in what I was reading at some points. A MUST READ!

Absolutely terrible "modern" translation with entire passages omitted. My favorite play of all time; read it (if you can't be bothered to learn Swedish) in the translation (very good but not perfect) by Michael Meyer.

One of the gods daughters came to earth to see how earth was. On earth one character is hunting for the love of his life, that has left him. Time passes with out memories. The play over all is a but confusing, the characters are different everything that they are mentioned. But in the long run the characters show you how lonely and depressed that they are.

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