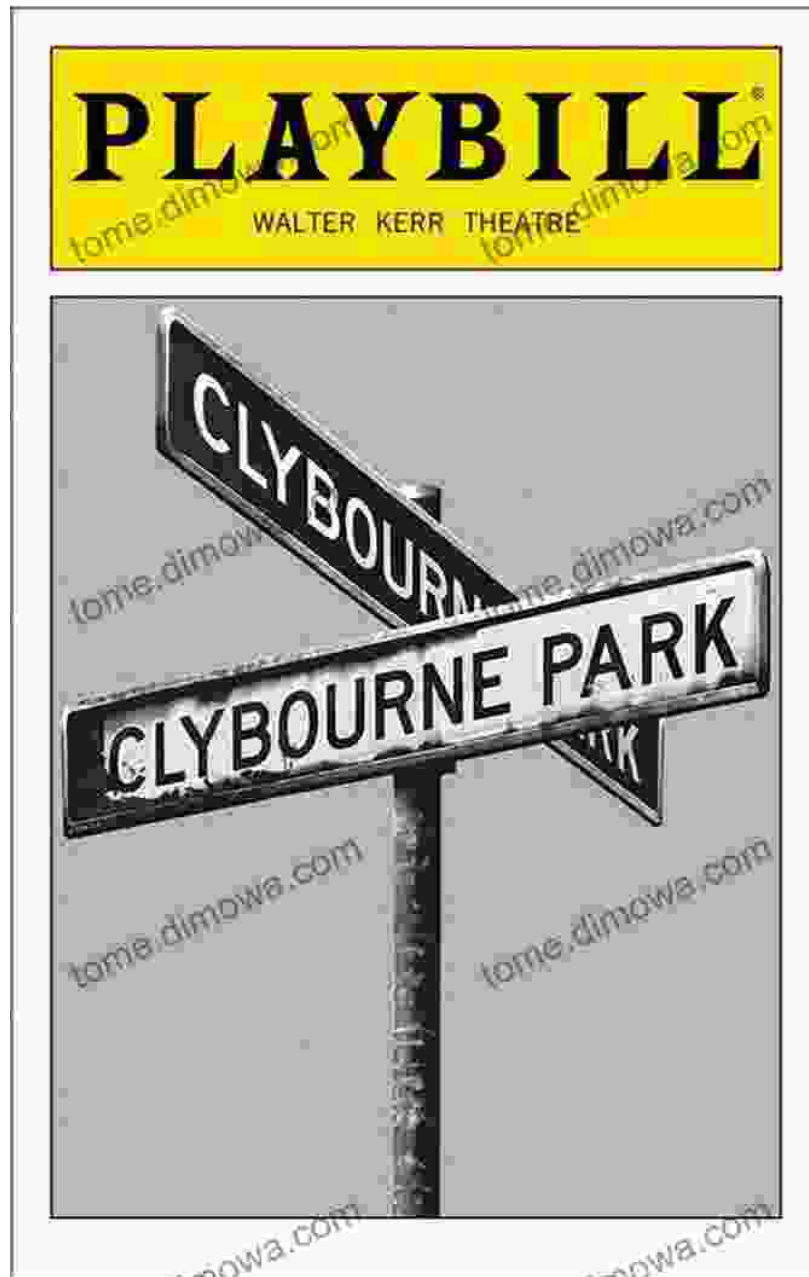


Clybourne Park: A Tony Award-Winning Masterpiece that Explores Race, Class, and the American Dream



Synopsis

Clybourne Park is a two-act play by Bruce Norris that premiered in 2010. The play tells the story of a white family who sells their house in the Clybourne Park neighborhood of Chicago to a black family in 1959. The play then jumps 50 years into the future, to 2009, and follows the new black family as they face the challenges of living in a predominantly white neighborhood.



Clybourne Park: A Play (Tony Award Best Play)

by Bruce Norris

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The play is a powerful and moving exploration of race, class, and the American dream. It has won numerous awards, including the Tony Award for Best Play in 2011.

Characters

The play features a cast of eight characters:

* **Russ**: The white husband in the 1959 family. * **Bev**: The white wife in the 1959 family. * **Karl**: The black husband in the 2009 family. * **Lena**: The

black wife in the 2009 family. * **Francine**: The white neighbor in the 1959 family. * **Jim**: The white neighbor in the 2009 family. * **Kevin**: The white son of Russ and Bev. * **Betsy**: The black daughter of Karl and Lena.

Themes

Clybourne Park explores a number of important themes, including:

* **Race**: The play examines the complex and often fraught relationships between black and white people in America. * **Class**: The play also explores the role that class plays in shaping our experiences of race. * **The American Dream**: The play questions the promise of the American dream, and whether it is truly attainable for all Americans.

Critical Reception

Clybourne Park has received widespread critical acclaim. The play was praised for its powerful storytelling, its nuanced characters, and its timely exploration of race and class in America.

The New York Times called the play "a powerful and moving exploration of race, class, and the American dream." The Washington Post called it "a brilliant play that will stay with you long after you leave the theater."

Awards

Clybourne Park has won numerous awards, including:

* Tony Award for Best Play (2011) * Pulitzer Prize for Drama (2011) * Drama Desk Award for Outstanding Play (2011) * Obie Award for Best New American Play (2010)

Why You Should Read Clybourne Park

Clybourne Park is a must-read for anyone interested in race, class, and the American dream. It is a powerful and moving play that will stay with you long after you finish it.

Here are a few reasons why you should read Clybourne Park:

* It is a well-written play with strong characters and a compelling story. * It is a timely exploration of race and class in America. * It has won numerous awards, including the Tony Award for Best Play.

If you are looking for a thought-provoking and emotionally resonant play, then Clybourne Park is the perfect choice for you.



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