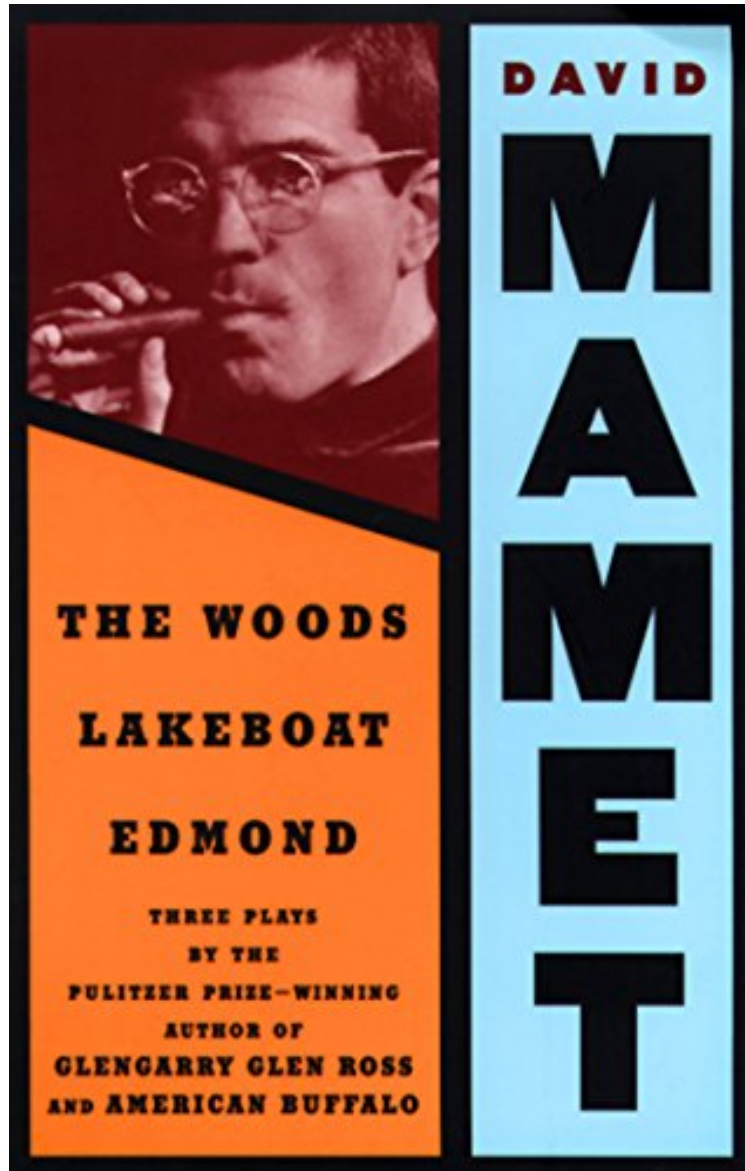


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**David Mamet : Woods, Lakeboat, Edmond** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Woods, Lakeboat, Edmond:

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a man in his mid thirties, goes to see a fortune teller who reads his palm and tells him, "You are not where you are belong..." In the next scene Edmond is at home with his wife. They have the following dialogue:...Edmond: Yes. Alright - I am going.Wife: Will you bring me back some cigarettes?Edmond: I'm not coming back.Wife: What?Edmond: I'm not coming back.(Pause.)Wife: What do you mean?Edmond: I'm going, and I'm not going to come back.Wife: You're not ever coming back?Edmond: No.Just like that Edmond abandons his established life. He then goes to strip clubs, a whorehouse, he walks on the street by three card monte hustlers, he rides on the subway. He becomes agitated by the urban dissonance. He starts to argue with people. He gets in trouble with the law.The play has an interesting style. It's fast paced - the whole thing is one act with 23 scenes. Some of the scenes are very short, less than half a page. Also, they're somewhat disconnected. One minute Edmond's in a pawnshop, the next, on the subway. It's surreal. I couldn't tell you how long the action takes place over.I've got mixed feelings about most Mamet plays, but Edmond I've read several times. I love it's fast pace and it's bizarro quality.3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Edmond is BrilliantBy MaxBecause of the sheer power of one of the plays contained within this book, I have given this collection 4 out of 5 possible stars.Edmond is amazingly stark and real, and offers a complete reversal in character, and the last scene seems like an epiphony. This play is easily my favorite, and I have seen it performed in London by Kenneth Branag, it was most astonishing and brilliant. I have not read or seen either of the two other plays contained within this volume, but I will say that Edmond is definitely a great reason to buy this book.

The Woods, described by the Chicago Daily News as a beautifully conceived love story,rdquo; is a modern dramatic parable in which a young man and woman who spend a night in his family's cabin experience passion, then disillusionment, but are in the end reconciled by mutual need.In Lakeboat, eight crew members aboard a merchant ship exchange their wild fantasies about sex, gambling, and violence.In Edmond, a man set morally adrift leaves an unfulfilling marriage to find sex, adventure, companionship, and, ultimately, the meaning of his existence.Of The Woods, Richard Eder of The New York Times wrote that Mamet's language has never been so precise, pure, and affecting.rdquo;Michael Feingold in The Village Voice praised Lakeboat for its richly overheard talk and its loopy, funny construction.rdquo;Jack Kroll of Newsweek called Edmond a riveting theatrical experience that illuminates the heart of darkness.rdquo;

From the Back CoverThree plays by David Mamet: The Woods, Lakeboat, and Edmond. The Woods, described by the Chicago Daily News as a 'beautifully conceived love story; Lakeboat, eight crew members aboard a merchant ship exchange their wild fantasies about sex, gambling, and violence; Edmond, a man set morally adrift leaves an unfulfilling marriage to find sex, adventure, companionship, and, ultimately, the meaning of his existence.