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## **The Sea** - Edward Bond 2014-03-13

A wild storm shakes a small East Anglian seaside village and sets off a series of events that changes the lives of all its residents. Set in the high Edwardian world of 1907, *The Sea* is a fascinating blend of wild farce, high comedy, biting social satire and bleak poetic tragedy. The play was first produced at the Royal Court Theatre, London, in 1973 and will be revived at the Theatre Royal Haymarket, London, from January to April 2008. 'This cosmically inclined neo-Chekhovian romp set in a stiflingly small seaside town in 1907 proves to be every bit as masterful as its sensational predecessor [Saved].' *Time Out* (New York)

## **The Children & Have I None** - Edward Bond 2014-02-17

Two new plays from Britain's most challenging dramatist *Have I None* and *The Children* are both set in a late-21st-century apocalyptic landscape where human behaviour is monitored, living spaces are designated and where any emotional displays are immediately eradicated. In *The Children* a teenager's unquestioning loyalty to his mother has fatal consequences, while in *Have I None* a couple's lives are irreversibly changed by the appearance of a disturbing stranger who questions their existence. Edward Bond is "a great playwright - many, particularly in continental Europe, would say the greatest living English playwright" (*Independent*)

## **Bond Plays: 9** - Edward Bond 2013-08-01

*Edward Bond Plays:9* brings together recent work by the writer of the classic stage plays *Saved*, *Lear*, *The Pope's Wedding*, and *Early Morning*. The volume comprises five new plays

and a comprehensive introduction by the author exploring theories of writing and theatre.

*Innocence* is the final play in *The Paris Pentad*, a dramatic epic stretching from the 1940s to the end of the twenty-first century. The conflicts at the heart of civilisation have erupted into violence, and the characters in *Innocence* must seek refuge in each other to escape the cruelty of war. *Window*, *Tune*, *Balancing Act* and *The Edge* are plays commissioned by *The Big Brum Theatre*. With themes of drug use, violence, suicide, and mother-son relations, the plays focus on problems directly aimed at modern youth culture. Ideally suited to students, performers and particularly university showcases, they are short, interesting and powerful pieces. This edition also includes some of Bond's previously unpublished *Theatre Poems*.

## *Saved* - Edward Bond 2014-01-08

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*Edward Bond's Lear and Shakespeare's King Lear* - Horst Oppel 1974

**The Plays of Edward Bond** - Tony Coult 1979

**Bond Plays: 1** - Edward Bond 2008-11-05

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*Dramatic Strategies in the Plays of Edward Bond* - Jenny S. Spencer 1992-12-17

In this book, Jenny Spencer presents an in-depth examination of Bond's work.

**Lear** - Edward Bond 1978

"In this play of shattering power, an authoritarian monarch is overthrown by his daughters who, in turn, find the possession of power to be fatally evil. "I have all the power and yet I am a slave." In a popular insurrection, a peasant woman takes power and becomes even more cruel. As the play ends, another insurrection is in preparation and it's clear that the brutal cycle will endlessly repeat itself."-- Publisher's description.

**Bond Plays: 8** - Edward Bond 2006-01-01

Five new plays by one of Britain's top playwrights.

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**At The Inland Sea** - Edward Bond 2014-01-03

"A new play by one of Britain's greatest playwrights is an event...the severity and seriousness of his message is delivered with extraordinary directness" (Carole Woddis, Times Educational Supplement) On a seemingly ordinary day the extraordinary happens. As a student prepares for the first day of exams he meets someone from the past who confronts him with an impossible dilemma. It's a life or death situation. Can he use his imagination to stop the most horrific events from taking place? This play was toured to British schools during 1995 by Big Brum, the Birmingham theatre company. Notes and commentary on the production have been written by Tony Coult. Edward Bond "is one of the two or three major playwrights - and arguably the only one - to emerge since the fifties" (Observer)

**Edward Bond: The Playwright Speaks** - David Tuailon 2015-10-22

Over 50 years after his first appearance on the theatre scene, Edward Bond remains a hugely significant figure in the history of modern British playwriting. His plays are the subject of much debate and frequent misinterpretation, with his extensive use of allegory and metaphor to comment on the state of society and humanity in general leading to many academics, theatre practitioners and students trying - and often failing - to make sense of his plays over the years. In this unique collection, David Tuailon puts these pressing questions and mysteries to Edward Bond himself, provoking answers to some of his most elusive dramatic material, and covering an extraordinary range of plays and subjects with real clarity. With a particular focus on Bond's later plays, about which much less has been written, this book draws together very many questions and issues within a thematic structure, while observing chronology within that. *Edward Bond: The Playwright Speaks* is potentially the most comprehensive, precise and clear account of the playwright's work and time in the theatre to date, distilling years and schools of thought into one single volume. Published to mark the 50th anniversary of the first performance of Edward Bond's *Saved* at the

Royal Court Theatre in 1965.

Lear - Edward Bond 1983-04-14

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**Bond Plays: 3** - Edward Bond 2013-12-10

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A Study Guide for Edward Bond's "Lear" - Gale, Cengage Learning

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**The Art and Politics of Edward Bond** - Lou Lappin 1987

In *The Art and Politics of Edward Bond*, Lou Lappin examines how the treatment of artists and artistic experience in the plays of Edward Bond reveals the need for rationality that is not fulfilled in the social order. Bond's attitude towards experience rejects a submissive acceptance of events and disregards conventional dramaturgy based on illusion and psychologically convincing characters. Instead, he explores the dynamic between individual motives and social conditions. Bond's reinvention of characters central to the modern imagination provides the playwright with a way to reveal the crises of the past that inform our current dilemmas. Through their fates, Bond's characters exhort us to recover a sense of destiny in our lives and to implement change in an order which places the individual at odds with the structure of society.

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Edward Bond - Simon Trussler 1976

Edward Bond has been, since his controversial arrival on the theatrical scene in 1965, one of Britain's most distinctive and important theatre writers. This study examines his work, from *The Pope's Wedding* (1962) to *Coffee* (1995). It gives an overview of the development of his distinctive dramatic language and style, and looks at his experiments with various theatrical forms and genres. It examines, too, the ways in which Bond's insistence upon the necessity of the drama as an agent of social evolution have determined his development as a dramatist. There are sections which situate Bond's work within its wider theatrical and political contexts, and which explore his concerns with issues such as violence, technology and social evolution, as they are expressed in plays such as *Saved* (1965), and *Lear* (1971). The study also deals with Bond's continual dialogue with our cultural history - with the ways in which he rewrites classic plays and plunders familiar theatrical

genres in order to demythologize th  
*Shakespeare Survey: Volume 55, King Lear and  
Its Afterlife* - Peter Holland 2002-10-24

Shakespeare Survey is a yearbook of  
Shakespeare studies and production. Each  
volume is devoted to a theme, or play, or group  
of plays; each also contains a section of reviews  
of criticism and performance. For the first time,  
numbers 1-50 are being reissued in paperback.  
*The Chair Plays* - Edward Bond 2013-12-02  
'I am nothing. Nobody. One day I could forget  
what I have done. Then I am nothing with no  
past. My knife is to tell me who I am. It is my  
passport to myself.' The Chair Plays are three  
one-act plays that Edward Bond has combined  
into one continuous drama on the state of  
society towards the end of the present century.  
Faced with ecological disaster and economic  
chaos, governments have become authoritarian  
and repressive. Domestic family life struggles to  
survive in a world of fleeing refugees, mass  
suicides, ruined and deserted suburbs, and  
soldiers patrolling the streets. Authority decrees  
even the exact placing of furniture in rooms.  
There is a knock at the door - but it is not the  
secret police. It is something even more  
disturbing. In this broken world sheer human  
goodness and vision asserts itself in stubborn  
and radiant ways. A master dramatist creates a  
range of extraordinary characters, vivid  
situations and radical theatrical devices to stage  
the central problem of modern life.

*The Plays of Edward Bond* - Richard G. Scharine  
1976

Professor Scharine, in this volume, provides a  
sympathetic interpretation and attempts to  
explain the philosophy that underlies the  
theatrical art of the contemporary English  
playwright, Edward Bond. Beginning with an  
overall view of the history and effect that Bond's  
plays have had in his homeland and the world,  
Dr. Scharine deals with all of Bond's plays.

*Adapting King Lear for the Stage* - Lynne  
Bradley 2016-03-16

Questioning whether the impulse to adapt  
Shakespeare has changed over time, Lynne  
Bradley argues for restoring a sense of  
historicity to the study of adaptation. Bradley  
compares Nahum Tate's *History of King Lear*  
(1681), adaptations by David Garrick in the mid-  
eighteenth century, and nineteenth-century

Shakespeare burlesques to twentieth-century  
theatrical rewritings of *King Lear*, and suggests  
latter-day adaptations should be viewed as a  
unique genre that allows playwrights to express  
modern subject positions with regard to their  
literary heritage while also participating in  
broader debates about art and society. In  
identifying and relocating different adaptive  
gestures within this historical framework,  
Bradley explores the link between the critical  
and the creative in the history of Shakespearean  
adaptation. Focusing on works such as Gordon  
Bottomley's *King Lear's Wife* (1913), Edward  
Bond's *Lear* (1971), Howard Barker's *Seven  
Lears* (1989), and the Women's Theatre Group's  
*Lear's Daughters* (1987), Bradley theorizes that  
modern rewritings of Shakespeare constitute a  
new type of textual interaction based on a  
simultaneous double-gesture of collaboration  
and rejection. She suggests that this new  
interaction provides constituent groups, such as  
the feminist collective who wrote *Lear's  
Daughters*, a strategy to acknowledge their debt  
to Shakespeare while writing against the  
traditional and negative representations of  
femininity they see reflected in his plays.

*Lear* - Bond Edward 2015-11-26

Edward Bond (Londra, 1934) è considerato da  
molti il più grande drammaturgo britannico  
vivente. In attività fin dai primi anni Sessanta, è  
autore di più di quaranta pièce (e ha collaborato  
alla sceneggiatura - candidata all'Oscar - di  
*Blow Up* di Michelangelo Antonioni). Il suo  
teatro prende ispirazione di volta in volta da  
Brecht o dalla tragedia classica per arrivare a  
una rappresentazione vibrante e provocatoria  
del mondo contemporaneo. Questo libro  
presenta ai lettori italiani *Lear*, una rivisitazione  
del Re Lear shakespeariano che diventa una  
tagliente e attualissima riflessione sulla violenza  
politica. Il volume, oltre al testo del *Lear*,  
comprende una nota del traduttore, una  
prefazione dell'autore, due sue poesie inedite,  
una lunga conversazione con la regista teatrale  
Lisa Ferlazzo Natoli e una postfazione del critico  
Attilio Scarpellini: è lo strumento perfetto per  
avvicinarsi a un maestro assoluto del teatro  
contemporaneo.

*Bond, a Study of His Plays* - Malcolm Hay 1980

**Saved** - Edward Bond 2014-01-08

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*The Hidden Plot* - Edward Bond 2014-01-03

An important, urgent book of essays from Britain's most challenging dramatist: "...a great playwright - many, particularly in continental Europe, would say the greatest living English playwright." (*The Independent*) This collection of passionate and polemical essays deals with

drama from its origin in the human mind to its use in history and the present. It explains the hidden working of drama behind the state, religion, family, crime and war. It is a revolutionary understanding of the human world with drama at its centre. A ruthless critique of the theatre's present state and its trivialisation as entertainment by the media, it reveals and sees a radical new theatre for the future.

Edward Bond is internationally recognised as a major playwright and a leading theoretician of drama. He is the most performed British dramatist abroad. This is his latest and most important account of the meaning and practice of theatre as we start a new millennium.

*Misreading Shakespeare* - Wagdi Zeid 2012-10

A dynamic new study in literary and dramatic influence, *Misreading Shakespeare* defines and explores the relation between two modern plays Edward Bond's *Lear* and Tom Stoppard's *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead* and Shakespeare's *King Lear* and *Hamlet*. While some see the modern plays as derivative, others claim that they are as original as the Shakespearean plays. The effort to define and explore this relationship is a challenge for critics and readers alike. Here, Wagdi Zeid, a playwright and professor of Shakespeare and drama, puts forth a theoretical perspective derived from W. Jackson Bate and Harold Bloom's theories of influence. Zeid's study manages to define and explore not only this intriguing and ambiguous relationship but the concept of originality itself. Furthermore, while theorists like Bate and Bloom are wholly concerned with just general statements and concepts, *Misreading Shakespeare* goes inside the dramatic texts themselves, and this practical aspect makes a big difference. Also, neither Bate nor Bloom has tried to apply his theory to dramatic texts. *Misreading Shakespeare* offers readers both theory and practice. *Misreading Shakespeare* was written for an eclectic audience, including scholars of drama, theatre, Shakespeare, and literary theory and criticism; playwrights and other writers striving for originality; and theatrical artists and audiences alike.

*Edward Bond* - Malcolm Hay 1978

*The Tragedy of King Lear* - William Shakespeare

1992-10-15

King Lear banishes his favorite daughter when she speaks out against him. Little does he know that the two other daughters who praise him are actually plotting against him. New ed.

**King Lear** - William Shakespeare 2007-01-01

King Lear, one of Shakespeare's darkest and most savage plays, tells the story of the foolish and Job-like Lear, who divides his kingdom, as he does his affections, according to vanity and whim. Lear's failure as a father engulfs himself and his world in turmoil and tragedy.

**Three Socialist Plays** - Robert Shaughnessy 1992

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**Dramatizing the Analysis** - Paul Davis Haxo 1994

**Bond Plays: 2** - Edward Bond 2014-01-01

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**Lear** - Edward Bond 2013-11-12

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**Dea** - Edward Bond 2016-08-04

To be sane or not to be sane, that is the question - and if not, then be mad and all that follows. Edward Bond takes from the Greek and Jacobean drama the fundamental classical problems of the family and war to vividly picture our collapsing society. The war is raging, Dea, a heroine, has committed a terrible act and has been exiled. When she meets someone from her past, she is forcefully confronted by the broken society that drove her to commit her crimes. Dea received its world premiere at Sutton Theatre on 24 May 2016.

Selections from the Notebooks Of Edward Bond - Edward Bond 2014-03-24

In this first volume of notebooks, Edward Bond reveals himself to be one of the finest and most creative minds to have emerged in the twentieth century. Exploring the meeting point between politics and the art of the writer, Bond's notes chart the creative progress of his work and thinking over a twenty-year period, from 1959, when his first plays started to be produced at London's Royal Court Theatre, to 1979, when he had achieved fame as a major writer. While providing a detailed commentary on his plays the Notebooks also contain early play drafts, poems and stories, his thoughts on life, Brecht, art and dramatic method as well as his notes on censorship.

*Edward Bond: A Critical Study* - P. Billingham 2013-11-19

This new study of one of Britain's greatest modern playwrights represents the first major, extended discussion of Edward Bond's work in over twenty years. The book combines rigorous and stimulating analysis and discussion of Bond's plays and ideas about drama and society. For the first time, there is also discussion of selected plays from his later, post-2000 period, including *Innocence* and *Have I None*, alongside explorations of widely studied plays such as

Saved.

**Restoration** - Edward Bond 2014-05-08

Restoration is set in eighteenth-century England: a world of cruelty, injustice and iron privilege. Lord Are is forced by poverty into an unwanted marriage with the daughter of a wealthy mineowner. One morning, during breakfast, he commits a bizarre and fatal crime. He seeks to

pin responsibility for it on his guileless, illiterate footman, Bob Hedges. A battle ensues between Bob's black, justice-hungry wife and the fortified privilege of the ruling classes. "Bond's great gift as a comic moralist makes Lord Are condemn himself without sacrificing a scintilla of wit. Bond takes the Restoration style, enters it and turns it against itself" Robert Cushman, Observer