

Albee's Story



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Edward Albee and *The Zoo Story*

The Zoo Story was written in 1958 and completed in just three weeks. It was first staged in Europe, premiering in West Berlin in 1959. The first American production was in 1960 when it was paired with Samuel Beckett's *Krapp's Last Tape*.

Albee is considered by many to be the founder of American Absurdist Theatre; his themes and plays showing many influences of Beckett, Genet and Ionesco.

In an interview in 2007 he stated that *The Zoo Story* is not about stories but is a "drama of emotion and atmosphere" and that he didn't want it to be approached using "method or naturalistic techniques".

The images and references in the play reflect many of his own experiences as a young man and though some have stated that the symbolism in American drama is less subtle and sophisticated than that in European dramas, Albee is considered to be one of the modern masters of the genre.

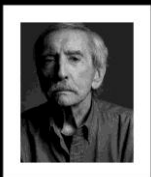


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Edward Albee's *The Zoo Story*

Directed by Michael Garside

Cast

Peter	Stuart Newsome
Jerry	Michael Garside

Assistant Director	Frances Sellars
Technical Director	Charlotte Clarke
Front of House	Kate Antram

Video production	Mike Bindon
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