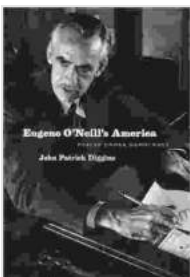


Eugene Neill's America: Desire Under Democracy

Eugene Neill is one of America's greatest playwrights. His plays are often dark and pessimistic, but they also offer a deeply insightful and compassionate view of the human condition. Neill was born in 1888, in a small town in Ohio. His father was a devout Catholic, and his mother was a strong-willed and independent woman. Neill's parents had a difficult relationship, and their marriage ended in divorce when Neill was young. Neill's childhood was marked by poverty and instability. He was often sick, and he was frequently bullied by his classmates. As a result, Neill developed a deep sense of isolation and alienation. He found solace in books, and he began writing poetry and plays at a young age.

Neill left home at the age of 16, and he spent the next several years traveling around the country. He worked a variety of jobs, including as a sailor, a farmhand, and a newspaper reporter. During this time, Neill began to develop his own unique style of writing. His plays are often characterized by their use of symbolism, their exploration of dark and taboo subjects, and their use of vernacular language. Neill's plays have been praised for their realism and their psychological insights. However, they have also been criticized for their pessimism and their lack of hope.



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Neill's most famous play, *Desire Under the Elms*, was written in 1924. The play is set in a rural New England town in the late 19th century. It tells the story of a young farmer named Eben Cabot who marries Abbie Putnam, a young woman who is pregnant with another man's child. Eben and Abbie's marriage is a disaster from the start. Eben is a cruel and abusive husband, and Abbie is a resentful and unfaithful wife. The play ends with Eben murdering Abbie and her lover.

Desire Under the Elms is a powerful and disturbing play. It is a story of love, betrayal, and murder. It is also a story of the American dream gone wrong. Eben and Abbie are both victims of the American dream. They both believe that they can find happiness and fulfillment through material success. However, they both end up destroying themselves in their pursuit of the American dream.

Neill's play is a critique of the American dream. He shows how the American dream can lead to greed, selfishness, and violence. He also shows how the American dream can destroy families and communities. Neill's play is a warning to us all. It is a warning about the dangers of the American dream. It is a warning about the dangers of desire.

The American Dream and Desire

The American dream is the idea that anyone can achieve success and happiness through hard work and determination. It is a powerful ideal that

has inspired millions of people to come to America. However, the American dream is not always easy to achieve. It can be difficult to find a good job, to afford a home, and to raise a family. As a result, many people end up feeling frustrated and disappointed with the American dream.

Desire is a powerful force. It can drive us to achieve great things. However, desire can also lead us to do terrible things. When desire is unchecked, it can lead to greed, selfishness, and violence. It can also lead us to destroy ourselves and others.

Neill's play shows how the American dream and desire can lead to tragedy. Eben and Abbie are both victims of the American dream. They both believe that they can find happiness and fulfillment through material success. However, they both end up destroying themselves in their pursuit of the American dream.

Democracy and Desire

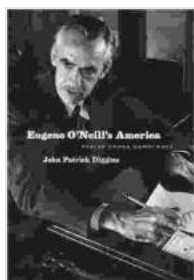
Democracy is a form of government in which the people have the power to choose their leaders. It is a system of government that is based on the idea that all people are equal. Democracy is a powerful ideal that has inspired millions of people to fight for freedom and equality. However, democracy is not always easy to achieve. It can be difficult to create a society in which all people are truly equal. As a result, many people end up feeling frustrated and disappointed with democracy.

Desire is a powerful force that can be used for good or for evil. It can be used to build a more just and equitable world. However, it can also be used to destroy democracy. When desire is unchecked, it can lead to greed,

selfishness, and violence. It can also lead us to destroy ourselves and others.

Neill's play shows how democracy and desire can lead to tragedy. Eben and Abbie are both victims of democracy. They both believe that they can find happiness and fulfillment through the pursuit of their own desires. However, they both end up destroying themselves in their pursuit of their own desires.

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