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Review

The Plain Dealer (Cleveland): His novel makes you want to laugh and it makes you want to cry.

Chicago Tribune: A highly gifted and accomplished writer.

The New York Times: Brilliant...sardonic, ludicrously funny.

From the Inside Flap

An American classic adapted for the stage, starring Kathleen Turner as Mrs. Robinson and Matthew Rhys as Benjamin Braddock. A fresh-faced college grad returns home, diploma in hand, to seek an answer to that age old question: "Now what?" Lacking any clear career path, he falls prey to the original "cougar," the predatory Mrs. Robinson, wife of his father's business partner. But it's Mrs. Robinson's daughter who captures his heart.

Includes an interview with the star of *The Graduate*, screen legend Kathleen Turner.

An L.A. Theatre Works full-cast performance featuring:

Kathleen Turner as Mrs. Robinson

Matthew Rhys as Benjamin Braddock

Bruce Davison as Mr. Braddock

John Getz as Mr. Robinson

Jamison Jones as Hotel Clerk and others

Devon Sorvari as Elaine Robinson

Linda Purl as Mrs. Braddock and others

Adapted for the stage by Terry Johnson, based on the novel by Charles Webb and the screenplay by Calder Willingham and Buck Henry. Directed by John Rubinstein. Recorded before a live audience at the Skirball Cultural Center, Los Angeles.

About the Author

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