

Dry Swallow: Modern Plays by Lilik Purwadi

A Collection of Contemporary Indonesian Masterpieces

Dry Swallow is a must-have collection of modern plays by the acclaimed Indonesian playwright Lilik Purwadi. With a keen eye for social and cultural complexities, Purwadi's plays tackle pressing issues with depth and nuance, offering thought-provoking insights and leaving readers captivated long after they've turned the last page.



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Themes and Motifs

Purwadi's plays explore a wide range of themes and motifs that resonate with contemporary life. He delves into the complexities of relationships, the search for identity, and the struggle for social justice. His characters grapple with personal demons, societal expectations, and the impact of modernization on traditional values.

One recurring motif in Purwadi's work is the concept of "dry swallow," a Javanese idiom referring to the act of suppressing one's true feelings or

desires. This suppression often leads to inner turmoil and psychological distress, as characters struggle to reconcile their external appearances with their inner selves.

Social Commentary

Purwadi's plays are not merely dramatic explorations but also serve as social commentaries on contemporary Indonesian society. He critiques the widening gap between the rich and the poor, the erosion of traditional values, and the rise of consumerism.

In *The Ballad of a White Horse*, Purwadi weaves a tale of love, loss, and the search for identity amidst the backdrop of a changing society. A young woman named Anita struggles to find her place in a world that seems to value material possessions over human connection.

Cultural Insights

Beyond their social relevance, Purwadi's plays offer valuable cultural insights into Indonesian society. They showcase the richness of Javanese culture, customs, and traditions. Purwadi skillfully interweaves elements of traditional folklore, puppet theater, and ritual into his narratives.

In *The Silent House*, a powerful and haunting play, Purwadi explores the complexities of Javanese family dynamics and the lingering weight of the past. The play sheds light on the cultural construct of "rukun," the harmonious façade often maintained within families despite unspoken conflicts.

Awards and Recognition

Lilik Purwadi's contributions to Indonesian theater have been widely recognized. He has received numerous awards, including the prestigious SEA Write Award in 1998 and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Indonesian Theater Association in 2017.

Dry Swallow, published in 2018, is a testament to Purwadi's exceptional talent as a playwright. The collection features some of his most celebrated works, including *The Ballad of a White Horse*, *The Silent House*, and *Dry Swallow*.

Critical Acclaim

"Dry Swallow is a tour de force of modern Indonesian drama. Lilik Purwadi's plays are thought-provoking, engaging, and deeply resonant. A must-read for anyone interested in contemporary world theater." - *The Jakarta Post*

"Purwadi's characters are complex, relatable, and utterly human. His plays capture the essence of our time, offering both critique and hope." - *The Straits Times*

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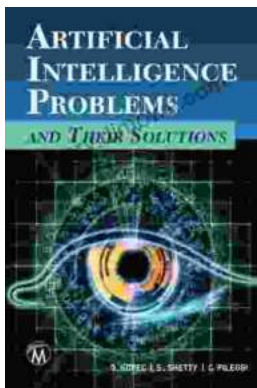
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