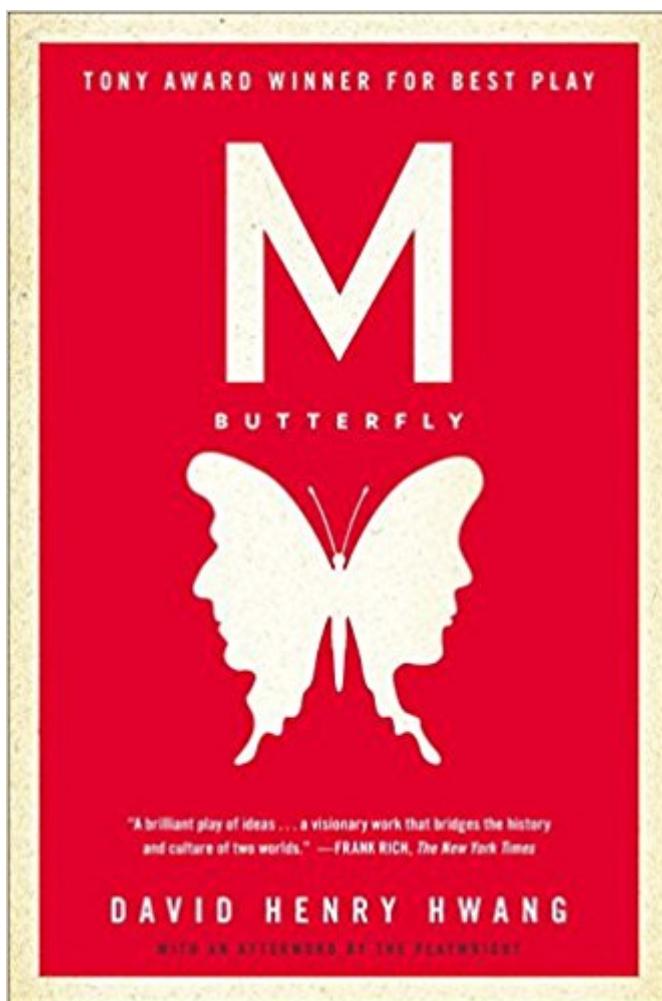


The book was found

# M. Butterfly: With An Afterword By The Playwright



## Synopsis

Winner of the Tony Award for Best Play, nominated for the Pulitzer Prize for Drama, and soon to be back on Broadway in a revival directed by the Lion King's Julie Taymor, starring Clive Owen "A brilliant play of ideasâ | a visionary work that bridges the history and culture of two worlds."â "Frank Rich,â New York TimesBased on a true story that stunned the world, and inspired by Giacomo Puccini's opera Madama Butterfly, M. Butterfly was an immediate sensation when it premiered in 1988.â It opens in the cramped prison cell where diplomat Rene Gallimard is being held captive by the French governmentâ "and by his own illusions. He recalls a time when Song Liling, the beautiful Chinese diva, touched him with a love as vivid, as seductiveâ "and as elusiveâ "as a butterfly. How could he have known that his true love was, in fact, a spy for the Chinese governmentâ "and a man disguised as a woman? The diplomat relives the twenty-year affair from the temptation to the seduction, from its consummation to the scandal that ultimately consumed them both.M. Butterfly is one of the most compelling, explosive, and slyly humorous dramas ever to light the Broadway stage, a work of unrivaled brilliance, illuminating the conflict between men and women, the differences between East and West, racial stereotypesâ "and the shadows we cast around our most cherished illusions.The original cast included John Lithgow as Gallimard and BD Wong as Song Liling. During the show's 777-performance run, David Dukes, Anthony Hopkins, Tony Randall, and John Rubinstein were also cast as Gallimard. Hwang adapted the play for a 1993 film directed by David Cronenberg, starring Jeremy Irons and John Lone.TEXT OF THE ORIGINAL BROADWAY PRODUCTION

## Book Information

Paperback: 100 pages

Publisher: Plume; Tie-In ed. edition (October 1, 1993)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0452272599

ISBN-13: 978-0452272590

Product Dimensions: 5.3 x 0.3 x 8 inches

Shipping Weight: 4 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 4.3 out of 5 stars 69 customer reviews

Best Sellers Rank: #5,571 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #1 inâ Books > Literature & Fiction > Dramas & Plays > Regional & Cultural > Asian #2 inâ Books > Gay & Lesbian > Literature & Fiction > Drama #16 inâ Books > Literature & Fiction > Dramas & Plays > Regional & Cultural >

United States

## Customer Reviews

"A brilliant play of ideas | a visionary work that bridges the history and culture of two worlds." - Frank Rich, New York Times "Audaciously imaginative | big in conception and theme, David Henry Hwang joins the first string of American playwrights." - Variety "Just when you've seen every possible coupling, M. Butterfly presents one of the most provocative and touching of all." - USA Today "Hwang has something to say and an original, audacious way of saying it. A rarity on Broadway." - Edwin Wilson, Wall Street Journal

John Lithgow and B. D. Wong recreate their original roles from the Tony Award-winning production of M. Butterfly. Inspired by an actual espionage scandal, a French diplomat discovers the startling truth about his Chinese mistress. An L.A. Theatre Works full-cast performance starring John Lithgow and B.D. Wong alongside Margaret Cho, David Dukes, Joanna Frank, Arye Gross and Kathryn Layng. --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

This is by far one of my favorite works by DHH. I used it to study in my Asian literature class and I'd read it again. It was an interesting take on real-life events and this play also found its way to Broadway. Good read.

I really loved everything about this play. The absurdity of it coupled with the fact that it was based on real events. How the play writer tied it in with an existing opera to further depict the psychology behind why the protagonist fell for the antagonist.

This play is a very high spirited read. It keeps you on the edge of your seat wondering what will happen next. This play is brilliant. This read is brilliant.

It explores the nature and extent of love and how it borders on, and influences, self knowledge. The play takes place entirely within the mind of the protagonist, some imagined, some remembered. A challenge to both actors and audience.

I loved this play and would recommend Chin'glish as another must-read by Hwang.

The story is well written and showing the differences between the eastern women and western women. The writers also shows the fantasy towards eastern women.

A fascinating, visceral take on the conflation of racism and sexism that is Orientalism. A must-read.

I wouldn't have picked this book up on my own, but it was a good read. It was very interesting and can be a little confusing at first until you realize what is going on. The ending gets really good and all the pieces start to come together.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

M. Butterfly: With an Afterword by the Playwright Relaxing Butterfly Patterns: Butterfly Adult Coloring Books BUTTERFLY GARDEN:: Butterfly garden is about Butterflys types, flowers that attract butterflies, hummingbird facts and pictures. Butterfly Garden: Butterfly types, flowers that attract butterflys and hummingbirds Stokes Butterfly Book : The Complete Guide to Butterfly Gardening, Identification, and Behavior Monarch Butterfly, Monarch Butterfly Migration, Facts, Life Cycle, What Do They Eat, Habitat, Anatomy, Breeding, Milkweed, Predators The Peregrine: 50th Anniversary Edition: Afterword by Robert Macfarlane Improbable Patriot: The Secret History of Monsieur de Beaumarchais, the French Playwright Who Saved the American Revolution The Playwright's Guidebook: An Insightful Primer on the Art of Dramatic Writing The Blunt Playwright: An Introduction to Playwriting The Playwright's Process: Learning the Craft from Today's Leading Dramatists The Power of the Playwright's Vision: Blueprints for the Working Writer Blood of Brothers: Life and War in Nicaragua, With New Afterword (Series on Latin American Studies) The Prizefighter and the Playwright: Gene Tunney and George Bernard Shaw Financial Fiasco: How America's Infatuation with Home Ownership and Easy Money Created the Economic Crisis, With a New Afterword by the Author The Monster Show: A Cultural History of Horror; Revised Edition with a New Afterword Against All Odds: A Chronicle of the Eritrean Revolution With a New Afterword on the Postwar Transition Botanical Shakespeare: An Illustrated Compendium of All the Flowers, Fruits, Herbs, Trees, Seeds, and Grasses Cited by the World's Greatest Playwright The Only Rule Is It Has to Work: Our Wild Experiment Building a New Kind of Baseball Team [Includes a New Afterword] Golden shadows, flying hooves: With a new afterword

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

Privacy

FAQ & Help