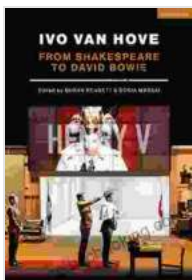


# From Shakespeare to David Bowie: Performance Books That Capture the Magic of Live Performance

Live performance has the power to transport us to another world, to make us feel emotions we never thought possible, and to leave us with memories that last a lifetime. But what happens when the performance is over? How can we capture the magic of that moment and relive it again and again?



## Ivo van Hove: From Shakespeare to David Bowie (Performance Books) by Greg Manning

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Performance books offer a unique way to do just that. These books are not simply transcripts of performances; they are works of art in their own right, capturing the essence of live performance and bringing it to the printed page.

In this article, we will explore some of the most captivating performance books available, from the immortal words of Shakespeare to the electrifying

stage presence of David Bowie. These books offer a unique glimpse into the art of performance and the transformative power it holds.

## **Shakespeare's Plays**

Shakespeare's plays are some of the most performed works of theater in the world, and for good reason. His characters are complex and relatable, his language is lyrical and evocative, and his stories are timeless.

There are many different editions of Shakespeare's plays available, but for those who want to experience the full power of his words, a performance book is the best way to go. These books include not only the text of the play, but also stage directions, character descriptions, and insights from directors and actors.

One of the most popular performance books of Shakespeare's plays is the Royal Shakespeare Company's Complete Works. This massive volume includes all of Shakespeare's plays, as well as sonnets, poems, and other works.

Another popular option is the Folger Shakespeare Library's The Complete Works of William Shakespeare. This edition includes all of Shakespeare's plays, as well as detailed annotations and essays by leading Shakespeare scholars.

## **David Bowie's Blackstar**

David Bowie was one of the most innovative and influential musicians of all time. His music was groundbreaking, his lyrics were poetic, and his stage presence was electrifying.

Bowie's final album, *Blackstar*, was released just two days before his death in 2016. The album is a dark and introspective work, but it is also full of beauty and hope.

The *Blackstar* performance book includes the full text of the album, as well as photographs, artwork, and essays by Bowie's collaborators. It is a fitting tribute to one of the most iconic musicians of our time.

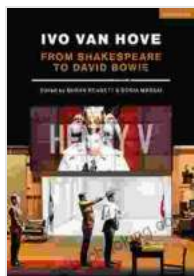
## **Other Performance Books**

In addition to Shakespeare and Bowie, there are many other performance books available that capture the magic of live performance. Here are a few of our favorites:

- **The Book of Mormon:** This Tony Award-winning musical is a hilarious and heartwarming satire of organized religion.
- **Hamilton:** This Pulitzer Prize-winning musical tells the story of Alexander Hamilton, one of the founding fathers of the United States.
- **Dear Evan Hansen:** This Tony Award-winning musical is a moving and thought-provoking story about a high school student who deals with anxiety and depression.
- **The Lion King:** This Tony Award-winning musical is a beloved classic that tells the story of Simba, a young lion who must learn to take his place as king.
- **Wicked:** This Tony Award-winning musical is a prequel to *The Wizard of Oz* that tells the story of the Wicked Witch of the West.

Performance books are a unique and powerful way to experience the magic of live performance. Whether you are a fan of theater, music, dance, or art, there is a performance book out there that will capture your imagination and leave you wanting more.

So next time you are looking for a new book to read, consider picking up a performance book. You won't be disappointed.



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