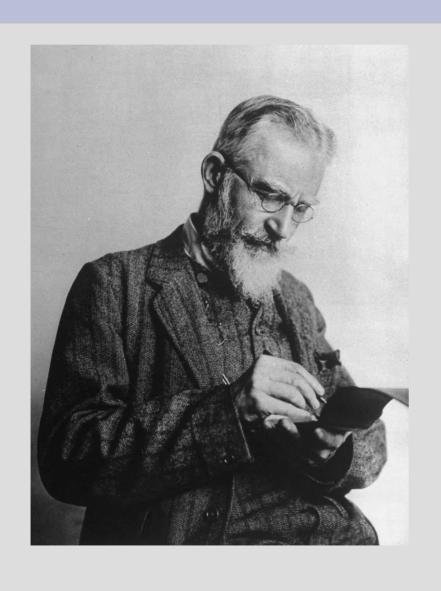
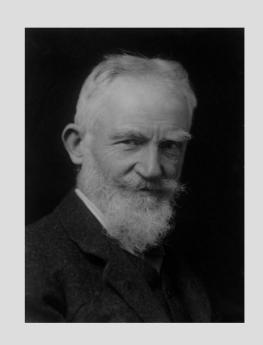
George Bernard Shaw





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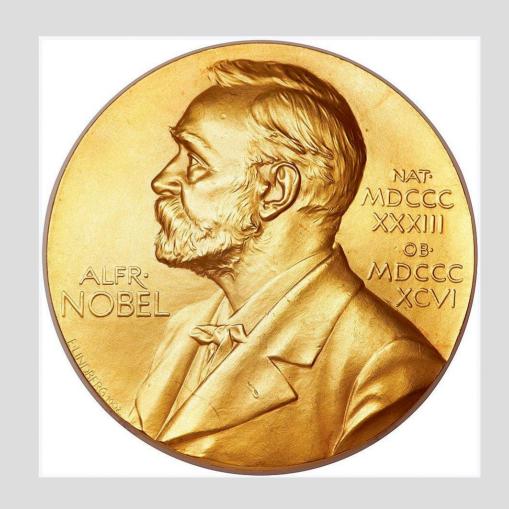
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Synopsis

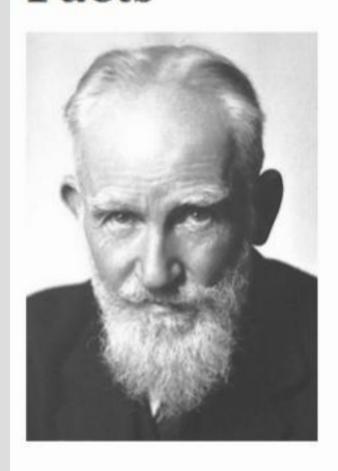
- born July 26, 1856, in Dublin, Ireland.
- In 1876 he moved to London, where he wrote regularly but struggled financially.
- In 1895, he became a theater critic for the Saturday Review and began writing plays of his own.
- His play «Pygmalion» was later made into a film twice, and the screenplay he wrote for the first version of it won an Oscar.

BEST KNOWN FOR

Irish playwright
George Bernard
Shaw wrote more
than 60 plays
during his lifetime
and was awarded
the Nobel Prize in
Literature in 1925.



George Bernard Shaw -Facts



George Bernard Shaw

Born: 26 July 1856, Dublin, Ireland

Died: 2 November 1950, Ayot St. Lawrence, United Kingdom

Residence at the time of the award: United Kingdom

Prize motivation: "for his work which is marked by both idealism and humanity, its stimulating satire often being infused with a singular poetic beauty"

Field: drama

Language: English

George Bernard Shaw received his Nobel Prize one year later, in 1926.

Pygmalion by George Bernard Shaw

PYGMALION

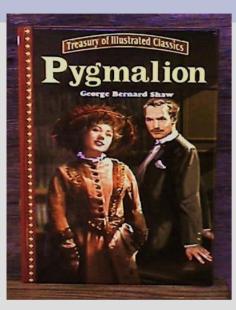
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Detail

Pygmalion, written in 1912 by George Bernard Shaw and first performed two years later, tells the story of Henry Higgins, a professor of phonetics (speech), who bets his friend that he can pass off a poor flower girl with a Cockney accent as a duchess by teaching her to speak with an upper class accent.

Why Should I Care?

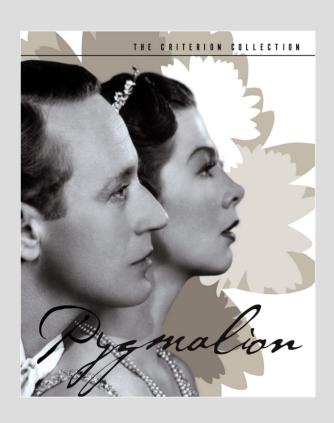




"There's a reason why Pygmalion's been turned into a movie, a musical, and a movie musical, with a twist.

It's a Cinderella story, complete with slippers...although in this case they're thrown, not worn. There's even a ball well, maybe not a ball, but a couple of parties. And there's a stepmother in there too, although we never see her. Problem is, there's no Prince Charming. This fairy tale's got no happy ending."

Influence



 Pygmalion remains Shaw's most popular play.

Ironically, Pygmalion has transcended cultural and language barriers since its first

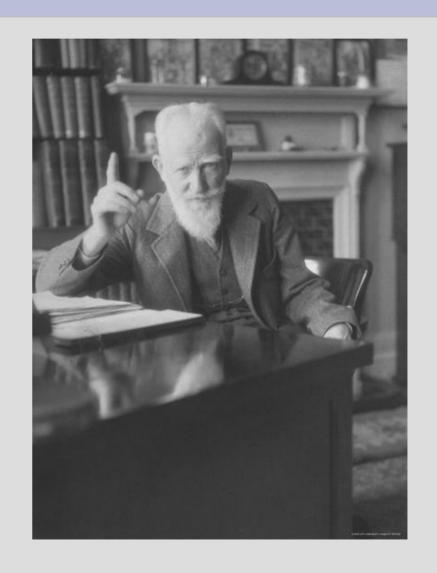


Contribution to Theater

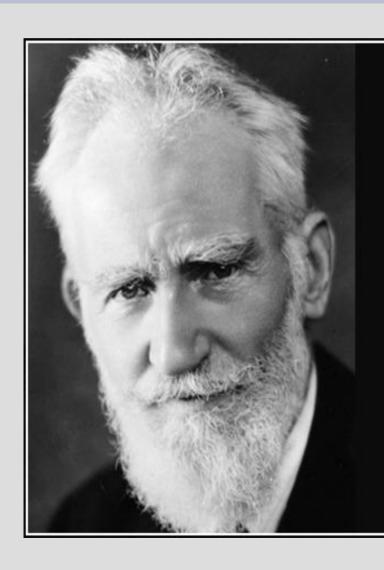
Shaw's plays were first performed in the 1890s.

He wrote sixty-three plays.

He is known to have written more than 250,000 letters.



Quote to Inspire Superb Communication



The single biggest problem in communication is the illusion that it has taken place.

— George Bernard Shaw —

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