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Hiroshima Mon Amour



Synopsis

Jacket description/back: One of the most influential works in the history of cinema, Alain Renais's Hiroshima Mon Amour gathered international acclaim upon its release in 1959 and was awarded the International Critics' Prize at the Cannes Film festival and the New York Film Critics' Award.

Ostensibly the story of a love affair between a Japanese architect and a French actress visiting Japan to make a film on peace, Hiroshima Mon Amour is a stunning exploration of the influence of war on both Japanese and French culture and the conflict between love and humanity.

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This movie from 1959 stars a beautiful woman who once aged became the key character in "Amour." Hiroshima has interested me for a long time and though this film was about love, it was also about Hiroshima."

I taught the text along with the film in an upper division college French course. It helped the students to make connections between historical events and the New Novel and Nouvelle Vague Cinema. I has also read this screenplay and seen the film as an undergraduate student some 30 years ago, and it was an important learning moment for me.

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One of the finest book ever

My college student son had to read this for a French cinema class and he enjoyed it. He recommends this book.

Loved it

Great book shipped quickly.

Hiroshima, Mon Amour is the screenplay for the classic French film directed by Alain Resnais. This is one of the few screenplays I truly enjoy, as Hiroshima is a wonderful story about remembering and forgetting set in the context of post-nuclear war and love. True to the classic stream-of-consciousness style of Duras, this screenplay is a highly emotional account of a French woman's journey to Hiroshima to film an anti-war movie and the affair with a Japanese man that ensues. Throughout the course of the affair, the woman is struck with the memory of her German lover during WWII and the insanity that his death brought on. In many ways, this is Duras at her finest. She has an uncanny ability to take specific stories and bring them to a level of universality as far as human emotion and circumstance are concerned. This is a powerful and riveting tale that is not to be missed.

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