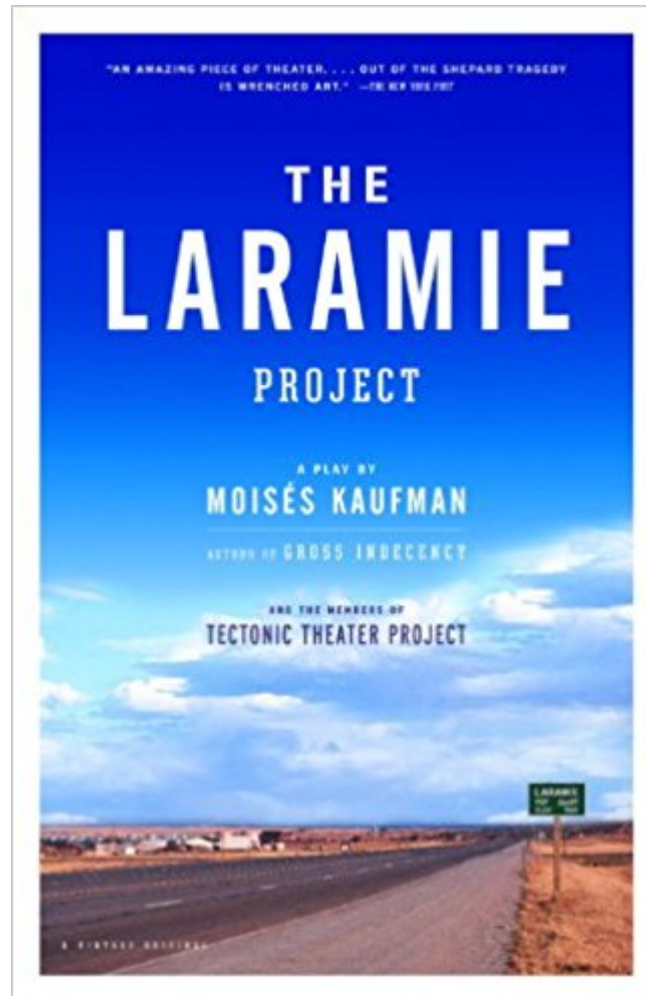


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# The Laramie Project



## Synopsis

On October 7, 1998, a young gay man was discovered bound to a fence in the hills outside Laramie, Wyoming, savagely beaten and left to die in an act of hate that shocked the nation. Matthew Shepard's death became a national symbol of intolerance, but for the people of Laramie the event was deeply personal, and it's they we hear in this stunningly effective theater piece, a deeply complex portrait of a community. From the Trade Paperback edition.

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## Customer Reviews

AWESOME PLAY! Highly recommend.

good, depressing

very interesting

Helped me through college.

For tears and tears and tears... I caught this off of my sister's bookshelf and she had told me about it years ago, but I never looked into it until I was on a month's vacation up north with her. Thought I'd span the little bit out for a bit, but the damn thing entranced me. I could NOT put it down. I didn't WANT to! The tortured souls explored in this play are exquisite and emotionally compelling. I cried long and hard throughout the entire thing. The best part is when the doctor is describing Aaron and Matthew being in the hospital together... such a difficult read due to the emotions, but an overwhelmingly fantastic true life story about what happens when a town realizes it's own sins.

Excellent !!

A classic.

I bought this to read prior to watching the DVD of the Laramie Project, to compare, and was glad I did. It carries as much if not more of the drama and weightiness of the subject matter, the killing of Matthew Shepard in 1998. An easy and quick read, it helped me identify the characters later on the DVD, and though in stage format, doesn't read like a novel. I finished it in one afternoon, and if this horrific incident still concerns you, this is a good way to understand how it affected so many in a sparsely populated "city" in a huge mostly unpopulated state. Hate knows no boundaries, but how it affected Laramie, is well done with an unusual idea. It took great courage to do this project, and should be more widely read, if not required reading, for schools.

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