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Editorial Review

Review

“M. Anouilh’s essential theme—the portrayal of a life that ends by championing the honor of God, no matter what the cost—has nobility and exaltation.” –Howard Taubman, *The New York Times*

“Fascinating play... so much that is hopeful, stimulating, imaginatively gratifying.” –Walter Kerr

“A great play.” –Henry Hewes, *Saturday Review*

“Witty, original and impressive.” –*The Wall Street Journal*

“A great, exciting play.” Louis Sobol

“Brilliant, exciting and big.” –John Chapman, *New York Daily News*

“Stunning drama...” –John McClain

“Exciting, stimulating, full-blooded theatre.” –Robert Coleman

“A notable event in the theatre, powerful and distinguished.” –Richard Watts, *New York Post*

Language Notes

Text: English (translation)

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From the Inside Flap

Waiting to be punished for his part in Becket's murder, King Henry II re-lives his deeply felt relationship with the saint, once his dearest friend and partner in unbridled decadence. His catastrophic mistake? To appoint Becket Archbishop - for Becket finds his allegiance shifting from king and country to God and Church.

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