

### Blood Brothers By Willy Russell

'Stags and Hens takes place in the Gents and Ladies loos of a tacky Liverpool club, where Dave and Linda have decided, unbeknownst to each other, to hold their stag and hen parties . . . a bleakly funny and perceptive study of working-class misogyny, puritanism and waste' Guardian
'Combines comedy with acrid truth in the style Willy Russell has made unmistakably his own ... and hits off brilliantly the herd instinct driving both sexes onward and bedward' Daily Telegraph
'Firmly in the centre of the playwright's best achievements: lively, coarse, well-organised, truthful and very funny' Financial Times

This book is aimed at GCSE students of English Literature who are studying Willy Russell's Blood Brothers. The focus is on what examiners are looking for, especially since the changes to the curriculum in 2015, and here you will find each act covered in detail. I hope this will help you and be a valuable tool in your studies and revision.

Four plays by Henrik Ibsen: A Doll's House, Ghosts, Hedda Gabler and the Master Builder.

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Program

Our Day Out

Willy Russell's Blood Brothers

In The Mikado to Matilda: British Musicals on the New York Stage, Thomas Hischak provides an overview of British musicals that made their way to Broadway, covering their entire history up to the present day. This is the first book to look at the British musical theatre with reference to those London musicals that were also produced in New York City. The book covers 110 British musicals, ranging from 1750 to the present day, including the popular Gilbert and Sullivan comic operettas during the Victorian era, the Andrew Lloyd Webber mega-musicals of the late twentieth century, and today's biggest hits such as Matilda. Each London musical is discussed first as a success in England and then how it fared in America. The plots, songs, songwriters, performers, and producers for both the West End and the Broadway (or Off Broadway) production are identified and described. The discussion is sometimes critical, evaluating the musicals and why they were or were not a success in New York.

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Blood Brothers

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The Original 1994 New Zealand Cast Recording

Willy Russell, Blood brothers

Mrs Kay's 'Progress Class' are unleashed for a day's coach trip to Conway Castle in Wales - in an exuberant celebration of the joys and agonies of growing up and being footloose, fourteen and free from school. 'The skill and zest of the show . . . derive from its success in following the adult argument through while preserving all the fun of a story mainly played by children . . . I have rarely seen a show that combined such warmth and such bleakness.' The Times This edition contains the music to the play.

Educating Rita, about a working-class Liverpool girl's hunger for education, is 'simply a marvellous play, painfully funny and passionately serious; a hilarious social documentary; a fairy-tale with a quizzical, half-happy ending.' Sunday Times Educating Rita premiered at the RSC Warehouse, London, in June 1980. Voted Best Comedy of 1980, it was subsequently made into a highly successful film with Michael Caine and Julie Walters.

A new collection of plays from Willy Russell, one of Britain's best-loved dramatists, features the smash hits Blood Brothers, Our Day Out: The Musical and Shirley Valentine as well as the previously unpublished John, Paul, George, Ringo . . . and Bert. Blood Brothers: A Liverpoolian West Side Story, this is the story of twin brothers separated at birth because their mother cannot afford to keep them both. 'One of those rare exceptions, where a show continues to pack a punch after many years on the road and in the West End' - What's On Stage, (5 stars) Our Day Out: The Musical: Mrs Kay's 'Progress Class' are unleashed for a day's coach trip to Conway Castle in Wales - in an exuberant celebration of the joys and agonies growing up and being footloose, fourteen and free from school. 'One of those truly magical theatrical experiences that should very definitely not be missed' - Stage Shirley Valentine: The story of a put-upon mother and housewife who leaves the drudgery of cooking dinner for her husband, packs her bags and heads for the sun. 'Shirley is the star of her own monde her gabbing made theatrical in a stream of stories and impersonations that are rooted in essential loneliness and reaction against domestic frustration . . . memorable and joyous' - Independent John, Paul, George, Ringo . . . and Bert: Russell's first major hit, a musical about the Beatles, won the Evening Standard and London Critics' awards for Best New Musical of 1974. 'Why has no-one done it before? Perhaps only a scouser like Willy Russell could have the self-confidence to tackle Liverpool's great phenomenon . . . It's funny, incisive, well-acted and makes its points without any arty philosophising' - Time Out. Willy Russell Plays: 2 features an introduction from the playwright.

I Read the News Today

Stags And Hens

Carrie: The Musical - Vocal Selections

The Mikado to Matilda

Stags and Hens, And, Blood Brothers : Two Plays and a Musical

Twin brothers are separated at birth. One is given to wealthy Mrs. Lyons and they grow up as friends in ignorance of their fraternity until the inevitable quarrel unleashes a blood-bath.

A Liverpoolian West Side Story, Blood Brothers is the story of twin brothers separated at birth because their mother cannot afford to keep them both. One of them is given away to wealthy Mrs Lyons and they grow up as friends in ignorance of their fraternity until the inevitable quarrel unleashes a blood-bath. Blood Brothers was first performed at the Liverpool Playhouse in 1983 and subsequently transferred to the West End in 1984.

London. It was revived in the West End in 1988 for a long-running production and opened on Broadway in 1993.

Shirley Valentine, 42-year-old put-upon mother and housewife, leaves the drudgery of cooking dinner for her husband, packs her bags and heads for the sun. The note on the kitchen table reads "Gone to Greece back in two weeks." "It is a simple and brilliant idea...the profound and perennial point of the comedy is the problem we seem to have contemplating the idea of a woman alone - in a public house. What Shirley learns to combat as she unravels her own sexual and social identity. The play is not only funny, it is also moving." (Michael Coveney, Financial Times) One for the Road "starts...with the mid-life hero torn between the security of married life in a dormer bungalow on a northern housing estate and dreams of being a rucksacked super-tramp. Mr Russell writes with knowledgeable verve and wit.

Underpass leads to Wagner Walkway and where anyone who doesn't join Weight Watchers or the Ramblers Club is regarded as a social deviant." (Francis King, Sunday Telegraph)

The International Cast Recording

Two Plays and a Musical

Willy Russell Plays: 2

Shirley Valentine & One For The Road

The Willy Russell Musical

Written specifically for GCSE students by academics in the field, the Methuen Drama GCSE Student Editions provide in-depth explanatory material alongside the play texts frequently studied at Key Stage 4. Whether for use in the classroom or independent study, these editions offer a fully comprehensive and lightly glossed play text with accompanying notes specifically directed towards readers of this age, which unravel essential topics and challenge all students to delve further into literary analysis. A well established modern classic, Willy Russell's Blood Brothers tells the story of Mickey and Eddie, twins separated at birth who grow up to lead very opposite lives, but which constantly and inevitably intersect. In addition to some on-page explanatory notes and the play text, this edition contains sub-headed analyses of themes, characters, context and dramatic devices, as well as background information on the playwright. The Methuen Drama GCSE Student Editions never lose sight of their readership, and offer students the confidence to engage with the material, explore their own interpretations, and improve their understanding of the works.

**Blood Brothers&C Black**
'One for the Road' is an almost farcical comedy about one dinner party too many, as Dennis loses patience with domesticity and makes a break for the freedom of the open road. As his anarchic streak reveals itself, what was supposed to be an impeccably middle-class dinner becomes a first-class row about middle age, affairs, and what's locked in the bureau. Russell's hilarious and sharply observed play was first performed at the Lyric Theatre, London in 1987.

Willy Russell

One for the Road

British Musicals on the New York Stage

A Musical

*The modern classic Willy Russell musical about the Liverpoolian twins separated at birth is retold by Angela T. Wesker and adapted for ESL learners at a B1 level of the CEFR . The book comes with an introduction to the historical background of the story, and a series of activities that help students understand the plot, explore its main themes, analyse and interpret its characters, structure, and language. The emotional, heart-breaking, and gripping story of Mickey and Eddie will make students laugh and cry at the same time and will be natually up for discussion.*

*A Liverpoolian West Side Story: twin brothers are separated at birth because their mother cannot afford to keep them both. She gives one of them away to wealthy Mrs Lyons and they grow up as friends in ignorance of their fraternity until the inevitable quarrel unleashes a blood-bath.*

*'Willy Russell is less concerned with political tub-thumping than with weaving a close-knit story about the working of fate and destiny ... it carries one along with it in almost unreserved enjoyment'" "Guardian" One of the longest-running and most successful ever West End musicals, "Blood Brothers" premiered at the Liverpool Playhouse in January 1983.*

*(Vocal Selections). "This show has guts!" proclaimed Richard Zoglin of Time magazine about this 2012 revival, which won the Off-Broadway Alliance Award for Best Musical Revival. It features music by Michael Gore, lyrics by Dean Pitchford, and book by Lawrence D. Cohen (based on the novel by Stephen King). Our folio features vocal selections for 18 songs from that revival, including: Alma Mater \* And Eve Was Weak \* Carrie \* Carrie (Reprise) \* Do Me a Favor \* Dreamer in Disguise \* Epilogue \* Evening Prayers \* I Remember How Those Boys Could Dance \* In \* A Night We'll Never Forget \* Once You See \* Open Your Heart \* Unsuspecting Hearts \* When There's No One \* Why Not Me? \* The World According to Chris \* You Shine.*

Page-by-page Analysis

Educating Rita ; Stags and Hens ; And, Blood Brothers

Four Major Plays

Blood brothers

**Blood Brothers, Willy Russell**

(Music Sales America). 16 terrific musical numbers from this award winning show by Willy Russell, author of Shirley Valentine and Educating Rita . The songs have been specially arranged for voice, piano and guitar with the complete lyrics for each and includes the hit song "Tell Me It's Not True" recorded by Barbara Dickson. Suitable for intermediate standard pianists.

The hilarious, bittersweet novel from the playwright behind EDUCATING RITA, SHIRLEY VALENTINE and award-winning musical BLOOD BROTHERS. Dear Morrissey, I'm feeling dead depressed and down. Like a streetlamp without a bulb or a goose at the onset of Christmas time. Anyroad, I thought I'd pen a few lines to someone who'd understand... It's 1991. Raymond Marks is a normal boy, from a normal family, in a normal northern town. Only lately, he's been feeling dead down. His dad left home after falling in love with a five-string banjo. His fun-hating grandma believes she should have married Jean-Paul Sartre: 'I could never read his books, but y' could tell from his picture, there was nothing frivolous about John-Paul Sartre.' Felonious Uncle Jason and Appalling Aunty Paula are lusting after the satellite dish. And so he turns to the one person who'll understand what he's going through: Morrissey. Told through a series of heartfelt letters to the frontman of The Smiths, this is a laugh-out-loud funny, incredibly poignant tale from a character you can't help but love. 'Big-hearted, wonderfully funny and engrossing' THE MIRROR 'A warm, funny, poignant story. I loved The Wrong

Boy - and so will you' SUNDAY TELEGRAPH 'A comic masterpiece' BEL MOONEY, MAIL ON SUNDAY

Drama script of the play by Willy Russell in which twins are separated at birth.

Me and My Girl

Blood Brothers GCSE Student Edition

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Blood Brothers; Our Day Out - The Musical; Shirley Valentine; John, Paul, George, Ringo . . . and Bert

Educating Rita

As a child, Elias Chacour lived in a small Palestinian village in Galilee. When tens of thousands of Palestinians were killed and nearly one million forced into refugee camps in 1948, Elias began a long struggle with how to respond. In Blood Brothers, he blends his riveting life story with historical research to reveal a little-known side of the Arab-Israeli conflict, exploring whether bitter enemies can ever be reconciled. This book offers hope and insight to help each of us learn to live at peace in a world of tension and terror.

A Play

Blood Brothers by Willy Russell

Blood Brothers Retold

The Wrong Boy

Evolution Revolution