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Review

The Distance from Here is a thrilling demonstration of that contention...When the tragic moment occurs, it's an indication of LaBute's prowess that we experience it as both a surprise and an inevitability. LaBute, in his most ambitious and best play to date, gets inside the emptiness of American culture, the masquerade of pleasure and the evil of neglect. The Distance from Here, it seems to me, is a new title to be added to the short list of important contemporary plays." -- *John Lahr, The New Yorker*

About the Author

Neil LaBute is an award-winning playwright, filmmaker, and screenwriter. His plays include: *bash*, *In a Forest*, *Dark and Deep*, *Reasons to be Happy*, *The Money Shot*, and *All The Ways To Say I Love You*. Film and television work include *In the Company of Men*, *Your Friends and Neighbors*, *Nurse Betty*, *Possession*, *The Shape of Things*, *Some Velvet Morning*, *Dirty Weekend*, *Billy & Billie*, and *Van Helsing*. He is the recipient of a Literature Award from the American Academy of Arts and Letters.

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