

Jon Ferrari's 150 Essential Plays

Oedipus cycle – Sophocles
The Orestia – Aeschylus
The Birds – Aristophanes
Lysistrata - Aristophanes
Medea – Euripides
Electra – Euripides
Everyman – Anonymous
Mankind – Anonymous
Mystery plays - Anonymous
Miracle Plays - Anonymous
Spanish Tragedy – Thomas Kyd
Faustus – Marlowe
Edward II - Marlowe
The Devil is an Ass – Ben Jonson
Volpone – Ben Jonson
Hamlet – Shakespeare
King Lear – Shakespeare
Macbeth - Shakespeare
Much Ado About Nothing – Shakespeare
The Tempest – Shakespeare
(But you really should read them all people)
The Maids Tragedy – Beaumont and Fletcher
El Cid – Corneille
Phaedra – Jean Racine
The Game of Love and Chance - Marivaux
The Miser – Moliere
Tartuffe – Moliere
The Misanthrope – Moliere
The Imaginary Invalid - Moliere
Tis Pity She's a Whore - Ford
The Man of Mode – George Etherege
The Spanish Fryar – John Dryden
The Rivals – Richard Brinsley Sheridan
The School for Scandal – Sheridan
The Way of the World – William Congreve
The London Merchant – George Lillo
The Rover – Aphra Behn
The Recruiting Officer – George Farquhar
The Beaux Strategem – George Farquhar
The Servant of Two Masters – Carlo Goldoni
She Stoops to Conquer – Oliver Goldsmith
Faust – Goethe
The Barber of Seville/The Marriage of Figaro – Beaumarchais
The Glass of Water – Eugene Scribe
The Beggars Opera – John Gay
A Doll's House – Henrik Ibsen
The Wild Duck – Ibsen
Peer Gynt – Ibsen

Hedda Gabler – Ibsen
The Dance of Death – Strindberg
Ghost Sonata – Strindberg
Miss Julie – Strindberg
A Dream Play – Strindberg
The Importance of Being Earnest – Oscar Wilde
An Ideal Husband – Oscar Wilde
A Woman of No Importance – Oscar Wilde
Cyrano de Bergerac – Edmond Rostand
The Overcoat – Nikolai Gogol
The Three Sisters – Chekov
The Cherry Orchard – Chekov
Uncle Vanya – Chekov
The Seagull – Chekov
Ivanov – Chekov
The Voysey Inheritance – Harley Granville-Barker
Saint Joan – George Bernard Shaw
Mrs. Warren's Profession – George Bernard Shaw
Major Barbara – George Bernard Shaw
Juno and the Paycock – Sean O'Casey
The Plough and the Stars – Sean O'Casey
Playboy of the Western World – J.M. Synge
Peter Pan – J.M. Barrie
Machinal – Sophie Treadwell
Ubu Roi – Alfred Jarry
Street Scene – Elmer Rice
The Adding Machine – Elmer Rice
Six Characters in Search of An Author – Pirandello
Enrico IV – Pirandello
Mother Courage and her Children – Brecht
Threepenny Opera – Brecht
Caucasian Chalk Circle – Brecht
Saint Joan of the Stockyards – Brecht
Woycezk - Buchner
The Royal Family – George S. Kaufman and Edna Ferber
Once in a Lifetime – George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart
Long Days Journey into Night – Eugene O'Neill
Moon for the Misbegotton – Eugene O'Neill
Moon of the Caribees – Eugene O'Neill
Death of a Salesman – Arthur Miller
All My Sons – Arthur Miller
A Streetcar Named Desire – Tennessee Williams
Camino Real – Tennessee Williams
Summer and Smoke – Tennessee Williams
Hay Fever – Noel Coward
Blithe Spirit – Noel Coward
Private Lives – Noel Coward
Picnic – William Inge
Bus Stop – William Inge
No Time for Comedy – S.N. Behrman
Waiting for Lefty – Clifford Odets

Waiting for Godot – Beckett
Endgame – Beckett
Krapp's Last Tape – Beckett
Our Town – Thornton Wilder
The Matchmaker – Thornton Wilder
Look Back in Anger – John Osborne
Happy Days - Beckett
The Maids – Jean Genet
The Balcony – Jean Genet
Loot – Joe Orton
What the Butler Saw – Joe Orton
Roots – Arnold Wesker
Sergeant Musgrave's Dance – John Arden
A Raisin in the Sun – Lorraine Hansberry
Rhinoceros – Eugene Ionesco
The Chairs - Ionesco
The Homecoming – Harold Pinter
The Caretaker – Harold Pinter
Old Times – Harold Pinter
Little Foxes – Lillian Hellman
The House of Bernarda Alba - Lorca
Saved – Edward Bond
Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf? – Edward Albee
A Delicate Balance – Edward Albee
Two Trains Running – August Wilson
Seven Guitars – August Wilson
Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead – Tom Stoppard
The Invention of Love – Tom Stoppard
Arcadia – Tom Stoppard
A Day in the Death in of Joe Egg – Peter Nichols
Mud – Maria Irene Fornes
Conduct of Life – Maria Irene Fornes
Noises Off – Michael Frayn
Top Girls – Caryl Churchill
Streamers – David Rabe
House of Blue Leaves – John Guare
Six Degrees of Separation – John Guare
Racing Demon – David Hare
Plenty – David Hare
The Colored Museum – George Wolfe
Glengarry Glen Ross – David Mamet
The Cryptogram – David Mamet
The Designated Mourner – Wallace Shawn
Trumpets and Raspberries – Dario Fo
Accidental Death of an Anarchist – Dario Fo
The Weir – Conor McPherson