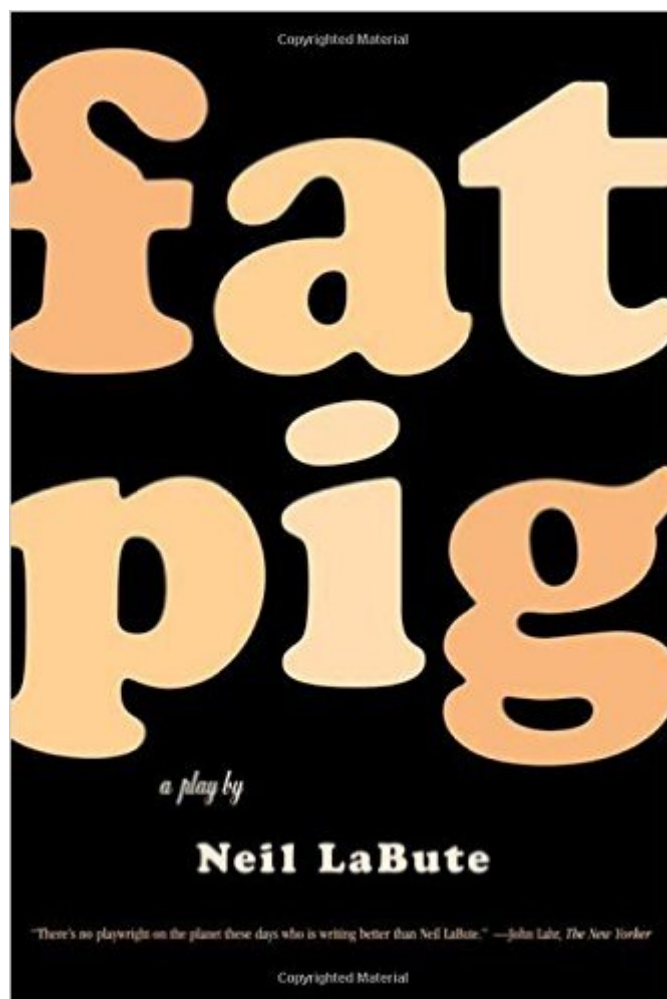


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# Fat Pig: A Play



## Synopsis

Cow. Slob. Pig. How many insults can you hear before you have to stand up and defend the woman you love? Tom faces just that question when he falls for Helen, a bright, funny, sexy young woman who happens to be plus sized-and then some. Forced to explain his new relationship to his shallow (although shockingly funny) friends, finally he comes to terms with his own preconceptions of the importance of conventional good looks. Neil LaBute's sharply drawn play not only critiques our slavish adherence to Hollywood ideals of beauty but boldly questions our own ability to change what we dislike about ourselves.

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## Customer Reviews

As an overweight woman, this play truly struck home for me. As an actress, it inspired me to continue on with the themes of this play and to write my own one woman show about obesity for women. Excellent play! Must read.

This play can really hit home if you have ever dated outside of your league. The pressure to date some one your friends approve of weighs heavy on the character Tom. Societal pressure to be perfect and be with the perfect person is explored and so worth your time and money to go on the journey. I completely recommend this play!

I loved it. It starts off slow and eventually picks up speed. I didn't see the ending coming. I like that the humanity of each character is expressed, even if it makes the character look "bad". Very good

read. My favorite of the three in this series.

This is an interesting play. From the title, you might think that it centers around the plus-sized character, Helen. However, the play is really about Tom, the average sized guy who is unable to overcome his friends' unacceptance of his plus-sized lover. There are some very mean things said about fat people so if that's likely to upset you, this might not be a play for you to read/attend.

This play is another one of Neil LaBute's dark comedies that asks us to question our views on physical beauty. GREAT PLAY.

FAT PIG was astounding to watch. It was like standing on the side of a freeway watching an accident happen and being powerless to stop it. Ashley Atkinson is one of the bravest actresses in NYC for tackling the extremely difficult role of Helen. I didn't get to see Jeremy Piven, but Steven Pasqual was amazing. Kudos to Andrew McCarthy and Jessica Capshaw in very difficult roles. Keep in mind, this version of the play is NOT the final version. The script has been changed and, in many ways, for the better. Still -- this version is a great read and well worth the purchase for actors needing tricky scene work. Neil LaBute is always worth a read or a watch. I only wish he would turn this into a film like he has a few others.

I HATED this book until I got to the end. I LOVE this book. I think I liked it because I could associate the characters with people I know.

A truly juicy role for a lucky fat actress. The story doesn't pull any punches and can be painful to get through. It is utterly fantastic.

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