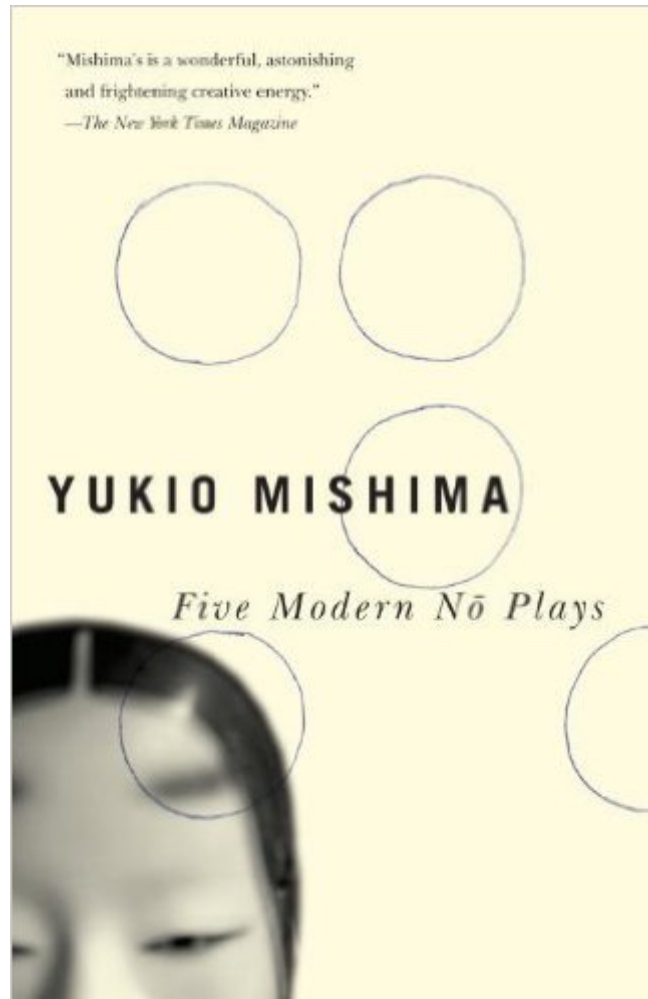


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I've been a fan of Yukio Mishima since I first heard of him and watched the film version of *Mishima: Life in Four Chapters*. I have friends who say he is too morbid, although I find his work deep, serious, it is also fascinating. In this collection, there is actually some bright spots, I even laughed during the first play. My old version of this book was regular paperback size, yellowed, and deteriorating. So I happily bought this newly reprinted version. There are five plays presented here of different topics and settings, but all are interesting. I wish there were more English translations of his works, I've read them all and want to read more.

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