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“Mr. Stoppard is, as always, an adept craftsman. . . . [He] has provided food for thought, and not just a tasting menu but a full, footnoted banquet.”—**Ben Brantley**, *New York Times*

“Tom Stoppard [is] the English-speaking world’s brainiest playwright.”—*Wall Street Journal*

“Oozes learning. . . . [Stoppard] proves that it is possible to construct a tight 100 minutes of drama around neuroscientific conceits. . . . He has succeeded . . . this is a play to admire.”—*Economist*

“[*The Hard Problem*] displays intact the dramatist’s remarkable ability to synthesize complex knowledge into wittily metaphorical dialogue. . . . Demand for this brainy, funny, and touching play will long outstrip supply.”—*New Statesman*

“Tom Stoppard’s first play for nine years is typically witty—an intellectually charged piece that delights in the slippery nature of language and pulses with interesting ideas.”—*London Evening Standard*

“100 minutes of condensed brain-ache, marbled by wit and some camisoled sexiness. . . . Admirably high-minded . . . It succeeds, in my view triumphantly.”—*Daily Mail*

“Stimulating . . . absorbing . . . A rich, ideas-packed work that . . . offers endless stimulation and represents, like so much of [Stoppard’s] work, a search for absolute values and a belief in the possibility of selfless virtue.”—*Guardian*

“The dialogue is flashily impressive . . . it leaves one panting with admiration.”—*Spectator* (UK)

About the Author

**Tom Stoppard** is the author of such seminal works as *Rosencrantz & Guildenstern Are Dead*, *Jumpers*, *The Real Thing*, *Arcadia*, *The Invention of Love*, and the trilogy *The Coast of Utopia*. His screen credits include *Parade’s End*, *Shakespeare in Love*, *Enigma*, *Empire of the Sun*, and *Anna Karenina*.

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