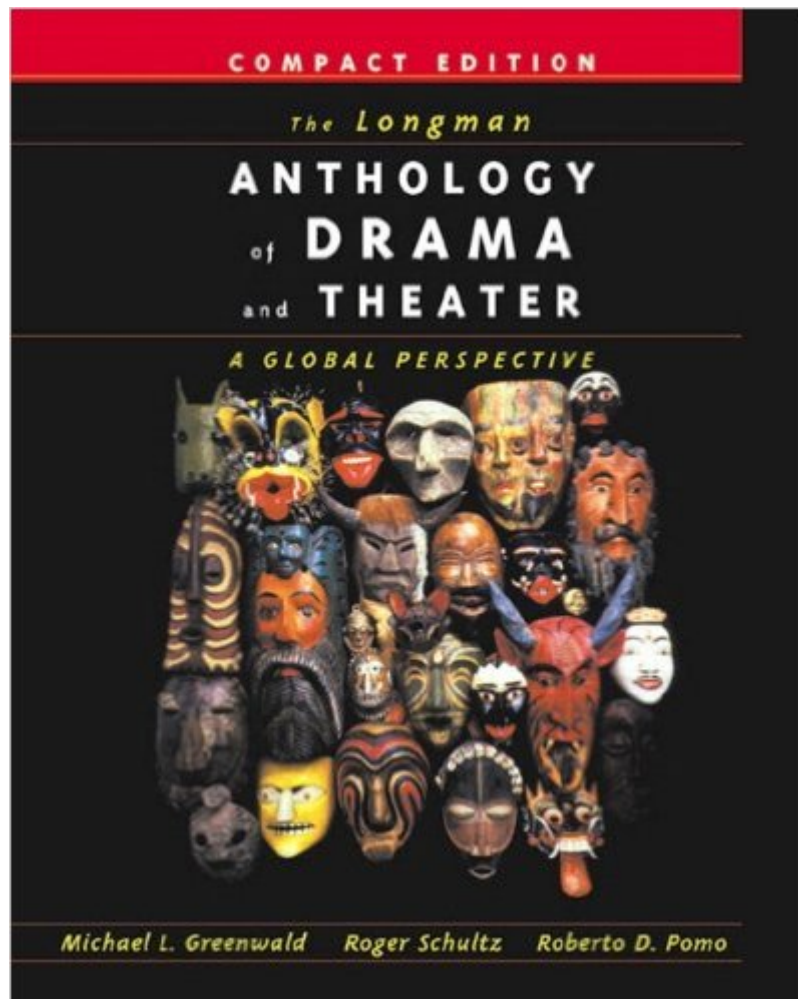


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This book was fantastic! I used it for my World Theatre class and enjoyed it thoroughly. I know the writer and he is a phenomenal professor who has traveled the world and shares great stories with the class. Would recommend this book for anyone interested in theater all over the world.

I accidentally ordered the compact version of the Longman Anthology instead of the original, but this is a great substitution to the full version if that's all you need. It was a lot cheaper than it was at the University bookstore.

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I needed to buy this for my World Drama class. It has so many plays that I will be keeping it and I will use it for my History of Theatre class as well. Helps save money, I like that.

a thorough glimpse into the history and characteristic of theatre. follows historical timeline, includes different region of the world. very well written and knowledgeable

Brought it for my World Theater Art class. Well written. Very lengthy. Wouldn't read it for fun, despite being the compact version, it's very drawn out at times.

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