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Synopsis

Premiered in San Francisco in 1980, *True West* is one of Sam Shepard's funniest plays, as well as one of his most brutal. Austin is a stable, successful Hollywood screenwriter, Lee his menacing vagabond brother, and *True West* is the story of their attempt to trade lives. Their tragicomic quest to change identity ends in a stalemate, but along the way this Pulitzer Prize-winning author takes gleeful potshots at Hollywood, the myth of the frontier, and the escape fantasies that drive the American imagination. *True West* is By far the funniest, truest, and most mesmerizing play on Broadway.

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Reader ALFRED MOLINA stars as Levin in the acclaimed film version of Tolstoy's classic. A graduate of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London, he has appeared in many films, including "The Da Vinci Code" and "Chocolat".

Sam Shepard rose from the fringe theater of '60s counterculture to become a Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright and movie star. His plays explore the deep roots of competition and violence in the American psyche. Take *TRUE WEST*, a black comedy about two adult brothers sojourning in their mother's house while she's away. One brother writes screenplays; the other commits petty larcenies. They hate each other. They fight. They might even have killed each other had not mom returned from Alaska in the nick of time. The Oscar-nominated Alfred Molina and Fran Guinan, who appeared in the celebrated Steppenwolf Theater production of the play, pour on the testosterone in

this vigorous audio version, taped before an appreciative audience. Director Simonson keeps the pace brisk but orchestrates the tempo masterfully from hot to cold and back again. Charlotte Rae as the mother does a wonderful little star turn at the end. Y.R. Winner of AudioFile Earphones Award
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Classic play that should be required reading for anyone interested in theatre.

I've always loved True West.

It is amazing how well this story is portrayed on a CD. The acting is spot on and the play unfolds right before your eyes. Perhaps I should say, right before your ears.

Handy, one of Shepard's best.

thanks

I am assistant director of this play at my theater in March. Love it!

Good play, fast read, and in good condition. Flimsy, but I'm sure they're all made that way.

Love it!!

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