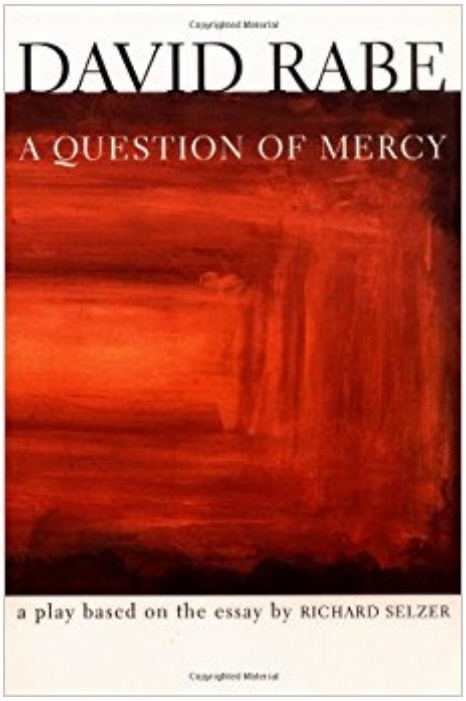
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David Rabe is one of America’s finest dramatists. In A Question of Mercy, he explores the controversial and emotional issue of euthanasia, delving deep into the ties that bind friends and lovers. Thomas and Anthony are lovers struggling with Anthony’s final, exhausting battle with AIDS. Joined by their friend Susanah and a retired doctor, whose help Thomas has requested , they fashion a heartbreaking friendship as they work through the stages of a plan to relieve Anthony of his illness and his life. Rabe creates a passionate depiction of four people confronted with the reality of a loved one’s fight with death, and a compelling dramatic event that poses the question: "What would you do?"

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Excellent treatment of the sensitive issue of euthanasia . Various perspectives of those involved in a relationship with the dying person allow the reader to intelligently reflect on the morality of assisting a suffering person to terminate his life.

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A great play. The sparse and nonrealistic language give it a mood that is both macabre and urgent. Having directed a sizable chunk of it for school, I can say that it is difficult to read but even more difficult NOT to.

When i first read this play i couldn't put it down. it made my understanding of the entire stiuation clearer. Reading it brings out emotions i never knew a play could bring out. It is definitly a master work.

This is trul a play worth raeding! It blends a beautiful artistic style with the harsh realities and controvery surrounding euthanasia! It is also a pleasure to perform this piece!

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