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National Theatre, direction, Rapley Theatre Corporation, Edmund Plohn, manager, Jack Kirkland presents "Tobacco Road," with John Barton, a play in three acts by Jack Kirkland, based on the novel by Erskine Caldwell, directed by Anthony Brown, settings by Robert Redington Sharpe.

[Erskine Caldwell](#) Pocket Books of Canada

Jack Kirkland adapted from the novel by Erskine Caldwell Full Length, Comedy Characters: 6 male, 5 female Exterior Set The story of the Lester's of "Tobacco Road", of father Jeeter who dreams of planting a garden beside his ramshackle home, the idiotic son who marries a ravenous evangelist and drives an automobile to destruction, a daughter with strong sexual inclinations, another who is sold into marriage for \$7. This heralded play ran for over 3,000 performances

[Tobacco Road](#) Univ. Press of Mississippi

Since the 1930s, Erskine Caldwell's writings have provoked laughter and pathos, curiosity and disbelief. His perplexing characters, comically motivated only by their instincts for survival, allowed Caldwell to illustrate the duality of human nature as he explored the social issues of his times in such celebrated novels as *Tobacco Road* and *God's Little Acre*. Behind Caldwell's social protest and his comic characters lay a man whose life imitated art. A rural southerner who later moved among the movie industry's famous and powerful, Caldwell led a life as compelling as any of his fiction. As Harvey Klevar weaves the threads of this life into the cultural tapestry of the times, he explores the myriad of personal forces and world events that contributed in the 1930s to Caldwell's popular acclaim and later to his descent from literary grace. A recluse in both his personal life and in his public writing, Caldwell offered little direction to those seeking clues to his literary intentions. Klevar argues that Caldwell should have shared more in the accolades heaped upon his contemporaries Faulkner, Hemingway, and Steinbeck; but ultimately his personal idiosyncrasies encouraged his underestimation by the literary establishment. Proving that a careful reappraisal of Caldwell's life lends critical insight into his writings and career, Klevar's work unveils an inventive artist who skillfully combined social phenomena with personal experience to offer unique insights into the telling of the human story.

[The Pocket Book of Erskine Caldwell Stories](#) Boston, Mass. : G. K. Hall

A major new biography, *Erskine Caldwell: The Journey from Tobacco Road* presents the fascinating life and times of a prolific and profoundly influential -- yet nearly forgotten -- figure in American literature. In the 1930s and '40s, Erskine Caldwell's impassioned work dealing with the Southern poor -- most notably, the novels *Tobacco Road* and *God's Little Acre* -- earned him wide critical acclaim. Although many Southerners reviled him for his brutal exposes of their region, literary scholars at the time ranked him alongside Fitzgerald, Wolfe, and Steinbeck. William Faulkner thought him one of America's five greatest novelists, and as late as 1960, Caldwell was under consideration for the Nobel Prize. Although Caldwell worked for years in abject poverty, eventually his commercial success matched his lofty critical standing. The dramatic adaptation of *Tobacco Road* became the biggest hit in Broadway history, and paperback editions of Caldwell's novels -- frequently under attack for their explicit sexuality -- sold in record numbers around the globe. By the 1960s, in fact, his publicists declared him "The World's Best-Selling Novelist," and by 1970 he had written more than one hundred short stories and twenty-five novels. This should have secured Caldwell an enduring place in America's literary history, but today he is largely forgotten, one of the great disappearing acts in American letters. Caldwell's personal life was no less complicated than his professional one, and Dan B. Miller's evocation of it is uncommonly subtle and provocative. Lonely

and isolated as a boy; Caldwell treated his own children with alternating neglect and brutality. He was married four times (once to the photojournalist Margaret Bourke-White), had a number of extramarital affairs, drank heavily, and was prone to violent mood swings. Yet Caldwell could be extraordinarily generous, gentle, and funny, a man of startling inconsistencies and startling energy. The first scholar to explore the entire (and voluminous) collection of Caldwell material at Dartmouth College Library, Dan B. Miller blends narrative grace, keen psychological insight, and dispassionate analysis to trace the tumultuous arc of a true American original and the vibrant literary culture in which he lived.

[Tobacco Road](#) Macmillan Reference USA

Author of such classics of 20th-century popular American literature as *Tobacco Road* (1932) and *God's Little Acre* (1933), Erskine Caldwell was something of a celebrity nearly all his life. But he was also a serious writer, one whose merits are as considerable as they remain underexplored. In the 1930s, he startled the literary world with his frank portrayals of the poor whites of the South. Beginning in the early 1940s, critics grew suspicious that he had exhausted his originality and his talent. In the late 1960s, some scholars began an effort, which continues intermittently today, to reconsider Caldwell's achievement. This collection of reviews, critical essays, and book excerpts provides a chronological portrait of the often contradictory and unfailingly colorful critical response to Caldwell from 1931 to the present. The 57 pieces collected in this volume were chosen to represent all sides and perspectives in the evolving critical opinion of Caldwell's work. The items are grouped in sections representing three chronological periods that encompass the prevailing critical moods concerning his writings: the 1930s, when readers of many persuasions found him promising and held out great hopes for his development; 1940 to 1968, when increasing critical scrutiny led to his dismissal as a writer of significance; and 1969 to the present, when there have been several substantial efforts to reconsider Caldwell's achievement. An introductory essay argues that Caldwell remains largely absent from our critical consciousness today because of a prevailing willingness among academics to rely on largely negative received opinions about his books in place of primary experience with them. The introduction is followed by a chronology, and the volume concludes with an extensive selected bibliography.

[Tobacco Road](#) Knopf

Biografie over de Amerikaanse schrijver (geb. 1902)

[Die Tabakstrasse \(Tobacco road,dt.\) Roman](#) Open Road Media

Conversations with Erskine Caldwell contains thirty-two interviews with this major writer, who during his long career enjoyed both the celebrity and the controversy that his books generated. These collected interviews include what is apparently his first, given in 1929 before the publication of *The Bastard*, to one of the very last, given only weeks before his death in April 1987. Caldwell was a lifelong outspoken opponent of censorship and an early advocate of racial equality. His ideas were reflected in a number of important interviews and portraits, often in newspapers or small journals not easily obtained today. In his later years he became a kind of elder statesman, celebrated as the last of that extraordinary generation of American writers which included Faulkner, Fitzgerald, Hemingway, Wolfe, and Steinbeck and which changed the face of American literature. The interviews in this collection reveal Caldwell's attitudes toward the profession of writing. He describes his early years of struggle, his determination to prove himself as a writer, and his tremendous success as the author of *Tobacco Road* and *God's Little Acre*, two American classics. He explains his attitude toward the South and his desire to bring about social reform through his writings. He is also candid about his own personal trials, his doubts and beliefs, and the state of his critical reputation.

[Conversations with Erskine Caldwell](#) Greenwood

In *With All My Might*, his definitive autobiography, Caldwell tells about his work as a cotton picker, stagehand, professional football player, and war correspondent for *Life* magazine during World War II. In 1932, Erskine Caldwell's first novel, *Tobacco Road*, was the center of controversy. Some critics

condemned the book; others considered it to be the work of a genius. Today Caldwell's fifty-plus books have sold more than 80 million copies worldwide, and his stature as a writer has been firmly established. In *With All My Might*, his definitive autobiography, Caldwell tells about his work as a cotton picker, stagehand, professional football player, and war correspondent for *Life* magazine during World War II. He describes his four marriages (including the much-publicized divorce from photographer Margaret Bourke-White). He writes of the sacrifices he made and the rejections he suffered during the years he was struggling to have his work published.

The Critical Response to Erskine Caldwell Univ. of Tennessee Press

Erskine Caldwell has been compared to literary giants like Faulkner and Hemingway, yet he has also been reviled as peddler of pop trash. Was he a genius, or just a shooting star whose brilliance faded long before he stopped writing? Caldwell began his career in the late 1920s and gained fame for revealing the gritty backwoods South in novels such as his seminal *Tobacco Road*. He wrote prolifically, sometimes as much as a book a year. As the editor of this book maintains, perhaps anyone who wrote so much would inevitably stumble. These 12 essays explore a variety of issues. They discuss Caldwell as humorist, social commentator, modernist, and revolutionary novelist. They examine his themes and tropes (political images, social injustice, the environment, ideological struggles) and his use of artistic devices (short stories, cubist strategies, repetition). A generous bibliography includes not only books on Caldwell but also chapters and forewords, journal articles, essays, news items and obituaries. The reader is encouraged to look at Caldwell with fresh eyes, to press beyond his controversial image, and to compare his works, especially his early ones, to those of any of the top names in literature.

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Miller offers a fresh reassessment of Caldwell's place in the national literary canon. Drawing on private letters, interviews with family members and friends, and contemporary criticism, he traces with narrative grace and style the sometimes tumultuous, yet always compelling, path of a true American original. Photos.

Tobacco Road McFarland

In the early nineteenth century, the southern poor white had a reputation for comic vulgarity and absurd violence; postbellum writers saw him as a quaint peasant; the 1920s transformed him into a revolutionary proletarian. Of the literary treatments discussed, Steinbeck's *Grapes of Wrath* emerges as a skillful compromise of documentary accuracy and political daring by reviving the tradition of degeneracy. Originally published in 1976. A UNC Press Enduring Edition -- UNC Press Enduring Editions use the latest in digital technology to make available again books from our distinguished backlist that were previously out of print. These editions are published unaltered from the original, and are presented in affordable paperback formats, bringing readers both historical and cultural

value.

[Three Classic Novels](#) Samuel French, Inc.

Caldwell's controversial classic: the story of a Southern sharecropper family ground down by the devastation of the Great Depression Even before the Great Depression struck, Jeeter Lester and his family were desperately poor sharecroppers. But when hard times begin to affect the families that once helped support them, the Lesters slip completely into the abyss. Rather than hold on to each other for support, Jeeter, his wife Ada, and their twelve children are overcome by the fractured and violent society around them. Banned and burned when first released in 1932, *Tobacco Road* is a brutal examination of poverty's dehumanizing influence by one of America's great masters of political fiction. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Erskine Caldwell including rare photos and never-before-seen documents courtesy of the Dartmouth College Library.

From Tobacco Road to Route 66

Three powerful novels of racism, lust, and poverty in the rural South by a controversial national bestselling author. Bigotry, poverty, social injustice, and sexual squalor in the Deep South—hallmarks of one of the most daring and phenomenally popular bestselling novelists of the twentieth-century. Here, in one volume, are three of his best-known works. "None of [his] characters would be caught dead in a novel by John Steinbeck, Carson McCullers, or Eudora Welty" (*The Daily Beast*). *Tobacco Road: The Great Depression* compromises the morals of a poor farming family in Georgia. This classic, a Modern Library 100 Best Novels selection, was adapted for the stage in 1933 and made into a 1941 film directed by John Ford. *God's Little Acre: Desperation* takes its toll on a deluded Southern farmer obsessed with sex, violence, and the promise of gold. Banned in Boston, censored in Georgia, and prosecuted by the New York Society for the Suppression of Vice, this international bestseller was adapted into a film in 1958. *A Place Called Estherville: In the pre-civil-rights-era South, a biracial brother and sister move to a small segregated town to care for their aunt, only to be subjected to systematic racism, sexual violence, and prejudice. "What William Faulkner implies, Erskine Caldwell records,"* said the *Chicago Tribune* of the author who earned his reputation by writing about sex, racism, and religious hypocrisy when no one else was. Caldwell remains one of the most widely translated American authors of all time. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Erskine Caldwell including rare photos and never-before-seen documents courtesy of the Dartmouth College Library.

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