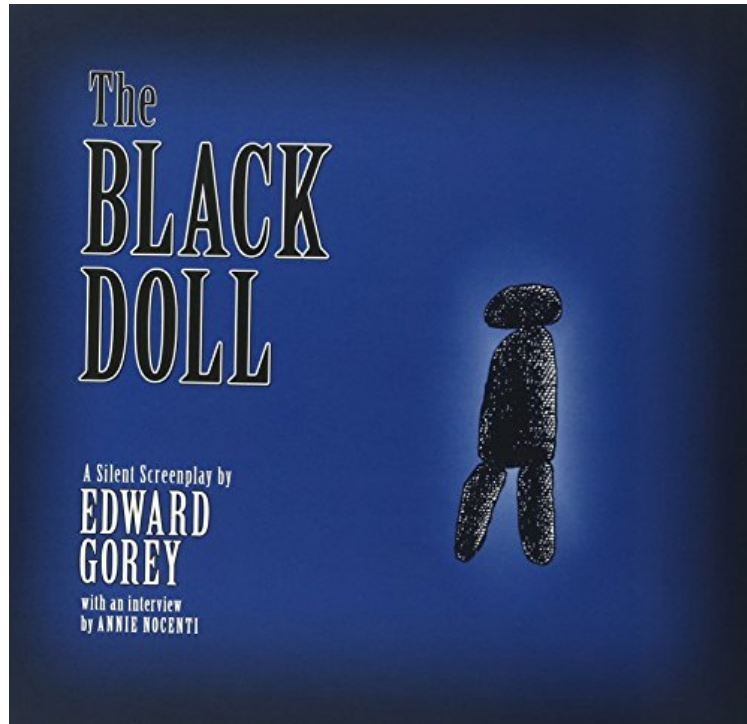



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Edward Gorey : The Black Doll: A Silent Screenplay before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Black Doll: A Silent Screenplay:

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. It's fun, silly and melodramaticBy Oscar SolisAs enigmatic as can be. It's fun, silly and melodramatic. Maybe someone, someday will make it into a film. If you're an Edward Gorey fan you'll appreciate it. If you aren't I'm not sure.11 of 11 people found the following review helpful. Spoiler Free description of this Wonderful Book: The Black DollBy Antmusic FanI received this book from a LibraryThing Early Reviewers giveaway, and I have to say, as a Gorey fan, that it thrilled me greatly to get it.Pomegranate Communications Inc's new release of "The Black Doll: A Silent Screenplay" by Edward Gorey (with an interview by Anne Nocenti) is a very beautiful hardcover book (ISBN 978-0-7649-4801-5). As you may know Edward Gorey passed away in 2000, and Pomegranate is hard at work releasing a lot of Gorey books in definitive editions.I am going to make this totally spoiler free... so don't look for details here.First, for Gorey art fans: During the 20+ page interview there are some select reprints of Gorey's more famous pictures. BUT, every 2 page spread of the screenplay (pages 34 - 71) has a picture of, what I believe is, original artwork of all of the costumed characters from the screenplay. Some are very operatic, some bizarre, and some very unique.The interview, from 1998, is a must for all Gorey fans. It is a great peek into his head. During it there is a comment that a lot of Gorey's works are like reading a silent film. Which brings us to the screenplay...It reads exactly like a silent film that plays in your head. I thought at first,

therefore, it would have no dialogue, but it has title cards for the sparse dialogue that is there. Most of the screenplay is stage direction and action description. Of course, if you are a HUGE Gorey fan, you have been looking for an affordable version of The Black Doll for YEARS. This is that! \$17.95 (current SRP) is a lot better than \$175.95, AND this is a NICE book. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Gorey fan alert! By jack stevens Anything "Gorey" is a further contribution to my collection -- but then, I'm a devotee. This is not readily available as far as I know. Certainly reading a scripted presentation of a stage drama is a far call from straight narration especially when dealing with the bizarre and absurd and cryptic. A confusing puzzle and mystery. Probably, only for established fans. Not as accessible as other Gorey illustrated tales, though costume designs and character drawings are sprinkled about.

The Black Doll, a little-known and never-produced screenplay by the celebrated artist and writer Edward Gorey (1925-2000), dishes up a rambunctious romp of a plot, featuring vile villains, wicked women, sinister socialites, and a horrified heroine. It's the stuff of many a silent melodrama but imbued with classic Gorey convolutions. Written in 1973 and originally published in Scenario magazine in 1998, The Black Doll has been missing from Gorey libraries until now

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