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Editorial Review

From Library Journal

This powerful political drama and psychological thriller by the noted Chilean writer premiered in London last summer, where it won the Time Out Award for Best Play. In March it opened in the United States on Broadway, with direction by Mike Nichols and starring Glenn Close, Richard Dreyfuss, and Gene Hackman. The play focuses on a woman who finds herself in the position to exact revenge upon a man whom she believes to have been her torturer 15 years earlier. In telling this story, the author also addresses the dilemmas which touch all our lives: innocence and evil, truth and lies, forgiveness, and revenge. This is a worthwhile addition to modern drama collections.

- *Howard E. Miller, Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Missouri Lib., St. Louis*

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From the Inside Flap

Suspense mounts when Paulina and her husband offer hospitality to a stranger. Paulina thinks she recognizes, in their guest, the man who tortured her in prison, and she subsequently takes him hostage to find out the truth. A stunningly blunt and compelling play, Ariel Dorfman's *Death and the Maiden* explores brilliantly the issues of torture, power, vulnerability, ethics, and trust. An L.A. Theatre Works full cast performance featuring: John Kapelos as Gerardo Escobar John Mahoney as Roberto Miranda Carolyn Seymour as Paulina Salas Directed by Robert Robinson. Recorded before a live audience at the Guest Quarters Suite Hotel, Santa Monica in March of 1994.

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