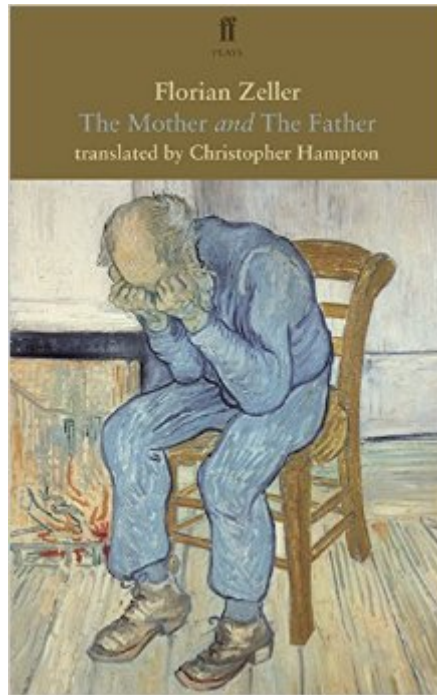


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# The Mother And The Father



## Synopsis

The Mother Anne loved the time in her life when she prepared breakfast each morning for her two young children. Years later, spending hours alone, Anne convinces herself that her husband is having an affair. If only her son were to break-up with his girlfriend. He would return home and come down for breakfast. She would put on her new red dress and they would go out. The Mother, in this English translation by Christopher Hampton, was commissioned by the Ustinov Studio, Theatre Royal, Bath, and premiered in May 2015. Florian Zeller's The Mother was awarded the Moliere Award for Best Play 2011. The Father 'A wonderfully peculiar, quietly stunning depiction of dementia... A controlled, unforgettable portrait of losing your memory.' Times 'A vivid, lucent translation by Christopher Hampton.' Observer 'One of the most acute, absorbing and distressing portraits of dementia I've ever seen.' Daily Telegraph 'A play that constantly confounds expectations and works almost like a thriller, with a sinister Pinteresque edge.' Guardian The Father, in this English translation by Christopher Hampton, was commissioned by the Ustinov Studio, Theatre Royal, Bath and premiered in October 2014. The production transferred to the Tricycle Theatre, London, in May 2015. Florian Zeller's The Father was awarded the Moliere Award for Best Play 2014.

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Of these two, "The Father" -- an effective and jarring depiction of dementia from the perspective of an aging man -- is the better. Zeller stages the action so that the audience experiences the protagonist's confusion and frustration, and at times, the reader or viewer is not quite sure what is real and what is imagined. "The Mother" deals with similar themes but not as effectively; it takes

place both inside and outside the main character's mind, with scenes repeating and moving backward and forward in time in a way that is innovative but unfortunately rather confusing.

An amazing experience... frightening and compelling at the same time. A lifetime stripped to the bone by the ravages of time. "The Father" reaches us all and begs for answers.

Interesting play on subject of Alzheimer's disease and old age particularly in connection with performance of The Father currently on Broadway.

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Outstanding and moving play and a first-rate translation.

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