A Raisin In The Sun

By Lorraine Hansberry

About A Raisin In The Sun

A Raisin in the Sun is a classic American play and a groundbreaking 1950s civil rights drama and has a strong claim to be the greatest play of the black American experience.

Deeply committed to the black struggle for equality and human rights, Lorraine Hansberry's brilliant career as a writer was cut short by her death in 1965. She was only 34. A Raisin in the Sun was the first play written by a black woman to be produced on Broadway, and won the New York Drama Critics Circle Award. Hansberry was the youngest and the first black woman to receive this award. She was also the first person to be called young, gifted, and black.

The play is set in south side Chicago, where Walter Lee, a black chauffeur, dreams of a better life, and hopes to use his fellow life insurance money to open a liquor store. Raisin and 海洋; the play depicts characters and a whole community with complexity and equity.

This student edition features a legible, clear typeface, including a preface by the editor, a detailed commentary on the dramatic, social, and political context, and on the theme, characters, language, and structure of the play, as well as a list of suggested readings and questions for further study and a review of performance history.