Lambert, Gavin.

I Never Promised You a Rose Garden : screenplay
1976

Descriptive Summary

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Biographical Note

British-born writer Gavin Lambert (1924-2005), who was born on July 23, 1924, in East Grinstead, Sussex England, spent most of his life in Hollywood, California, where he was hired as a screenwriter in 1958. Naturalized as a United States citizen in 1964, Lambert was known not only as a screenwriter, but as an observer and biographer of the film industry.

Lambert wrote candidly in his novels and nonfiction of the difficulties of stardom and the destructive effects a movie career can have upon actors, for example, the mental collapse of the teen star in his best-known novel, Inside Daisy Clover (1963). Natalie Wood, who played the title role in the film version of this novel, was later the subject of Lambert’s biography, Natalie Wood: a Life (2004), which he based not only on his research but his experience of Wood as a personal friend.

Lambert wrote sixteen screenplays during his career, including adaptations of two of Tennessee Williams plays: first, in 1961, the film script for The Roman Spring of Mrs. Stone and in 1989, the television version of Sweet Bird of Youth.

Lambert also contributed articles to magazines, such as New Statesman, Observer, Harper’s Bazaar; and was the founder of the magazine Sequence. In 1966 he received the Thomas R. Coward Memorial Award for his novel, Norman’s Letter.

Sources:

Scope and Content Note


This copy of Lambert's screenplay is undated but was probably written in 1976 according to the revision dates on various colored pages in the script. The mimeographed sheets of the script are on several different colors of paper and brad-bound in green wrappers. The title page bears the imprint IMORH Productions, Inc., with an address and telephone number. The final page following the script bears the imprint BARBARA'S PLACE (a typing and duplicating agency).

The white pages of the script are the original draft, and the various colored pages represent revised pages and are dated: 11/2/76, 11/3/76, 11/5/76, 11/10/76, 11/11/76, and 11/23/76. Some the pages have typed "Xs" at the page number or in the body of text.

Laid in the screenplay are three pages of holograph notes, two of which list suggested actors and directors. Directors suggested are Steven Spielberg, George Lucas, Martin Scorsese, Robert Altman, among others. Actors names appearing on the list are Dustin Hoffman, Jack Lemmon, Peter O'Toole, Woody Allen, John Voight, and others. The third sheet is a "to do" list which includes a combination of personal and work items.

The film starred Kathleen Quinlan, Bibi Anderson, and Ben Piazza.
Selected Search Terms

Alternate Title

I Never Promised You a Rose Garden (Greenberg, Joanne)

Personal Names

Greenberg, Joanne.

Lambert, Gavin.

Corporate Names

Imroh Productions, Inc.

Topical Terms

Motion pictures--United States--History--20th century.

American drama--20th century.

Form/Genre Terms

Screenplays.

Occupation

Screen writers.

Personal Contributors

Greenberg, Joanne.

Related Materials in this Repository

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