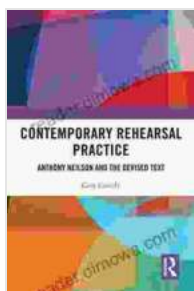


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Neilson's work is often characterized by its use of verbatim text. This means that the text is taken directly from interviews or other real-life sources. Neilson believes that this use of verbatim text gives his work a sense of authenticity and immediacy.

Neilson's work is also known for its political and social engagement. He often uses his plays to explore difficult issues such as racism, sexism, and homophobia. Neilson believes that theatre can be a powerful tool for social change, and he uses his work to challenge audiences to think about the world around them.

Key Principles of Neilson's Work

There are a number of key principles that underpin Neilson's approach to devised theatre. These principles include:

- **Collaboration:** Neilson believes that theatre is a collaborative art form, and he places great importance on the role of the actors, the director,

and the playwright in the creative process.

- **Experimentation:** Neilson is not afraid to experiment with new forms and techniques. He is always pushing the boundaries of what theatre can be.
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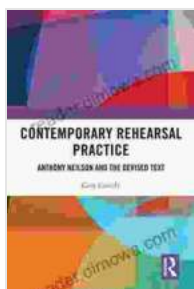
- *The Beautiful Game* (1995)
- *The Censor* (1996)
- *The Night Heron* (1998)
- *Stitching* (2000)
- *Realism* (2002)

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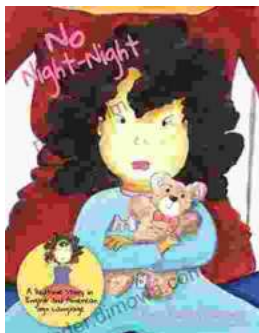
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