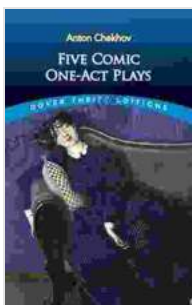


# Five Comic One-Act Plays: Dover Thrift Editions – A Literary Delight for the Discerning Reader

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## **A Closer Look at the Comic Delights Within**

The anthology opens with 'The Boor' by Anton Chekhov, a timeless classic that deftly skewers the absurdities of human behavior. This hilarious play follows the misadventures of a young widow who is relentlessly pursued by a boorish neighbor who is determined to marry her. As the widow attempts to outwit her unwelcome suitor, a series of comical encounters and misunderstandings ensue.

Next, we encounter 'The Marriage Proposal' by the same literary genius, Anton Chekhov. This delightful farce revolves around a pompous landowner who decides to propose to his neighbor's daughter. However, the seemingly straightforward task is anything but simple, as the proposal descends into a whirlwind of mishaps and misunderstandings. Chekhov's keen eye for human folly shines through in this witty and endearing play.

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The fourth play in the collection is 'Krapp's Last Tape' by Samuel Beckett, a poignant and thought-provoking exploration of mortality and the passage of time. This introspective play follows the protagonist, Krapp, as he listens to old recordings of his past and grapples with the regrets and missed

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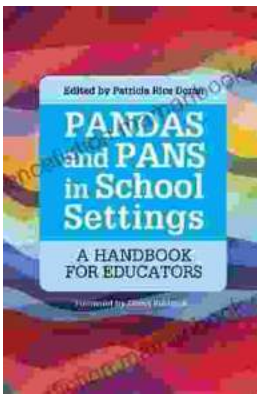
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