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Mystery play

The mystery plays literally brought the story of sin and salvation to life for them. The Mystery Plays were a great medieval tradition in York, a way of bringing religious messages to the streets of the City and a huge celebration.

Comedy Murder Mystery Plays

The genre was again banned, following the and the establishment of the in 1534. Their influence extended to organising major events, one of which became Chester Mystery Plays. As well as delivering their powerful Christian messages in a dramatic and entertaining manner, they also help to capture a snapshot of what life was like back in the 14th century.

Comedy Murder Mystery Plays

These were usually put on at Christmas or Easter.

Mysteries and Miracle Plays

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These plays are both short and long to fit any type of venue. As these liturgical dramas increased in popularity, vernacular forms emerged, as travelling companies of actors and theatrical productions organized by local communities became more common in the later Middle Ages. Earlier plays written by clerics were known as Mystery or Miracle plays.

Comedy Murder Mystery Plays

Although the plays were doubtless entertaining, that was not their main purpose. The , derived from the apocryphal , was a popular part of the York and Wakefield cycles. Likewise, twelve manuscript leaves were ripped out between the two final plays because of Catholic references.

Comedy Murder Mystery Plays

It is a play about the , three wise men from the East who followed a star and visited the baby Jesus in. The main purpose of the Mystery Plays were to glorify God.

Mystery play

They represented a powerful force in the city, protecting the interests and welfare of fellow merchants and craftsmen whilst playing a major part in social, political and economic life. Some of the plays have very funny moments.

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