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## John Osborne: 'Anger is Not About.'

By Peter Whitebrook

Oberon Books Ltd. Hardback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, John Osborne: 'Anger is Not About.', Peter Whitebrook, Seldom has a dramatist so compulsively revealed so much of himself, his flaws, his anxieties, his passion and his hatred, as John Osborne. By any standards, his was a dazzlingly high-octane performance. In a succession of increasingly ambitious plays written during the 1950s and 1960s, the era of social and political consensus giving way to doubt, he attempted to unite a profound, intuitive intelligence with a caustically honest depth of feeling. 'To be tentative,' he reflected, 'is beyond me.' By refusing to submit to caution, he laid bare in some of the most poetic and incendiary language heard in the twentieth-century theatre, not only his own struggles and contradictions but those of the times in which he lived. Almost single-handedly, he made the theatre important again. Catapulted from obscurity to being the icon of his age when he was only twenty-five, Osborne was at the height of his fame equally celebrated and derided as 'the Angry Young Man'. His was the voice of the moment. Even when his plays fell out of fashion during the 1980s and beyond, when he found it difficult to...



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