



Christine visits Bernard's furniture shop and spots a coffee table she decides to buy. She insists, however, on certain conditions which Bernard, as the salesman, finds unacceptable.

As the two haggle over its quality and price, the distressed table, having drawn them together, seems to underline the distress in their lives. Will it also be pivotal in changing their lives as both of them desperately need to move on?

A poignant, ironically funny, rollercoaster play, surprisingly uplifting.

#### About the author

'Melville Lovatt is an award winning playwright / monologue writer whose plays have been performed widely in smaller theatres throughout London.

A number of Melville's plays have won awards:

*The Powers That Be* won The Sussex Playwrights Club 1st Prize for best full-length play.

*Small Mercies*, a full-length play, won both a Jack Langford Memorial Award and a Derek Lomas Memorial Award.

Two one-act plays *The Grave* and *The Kiss* were shortlisted for The Diane Raffle Award.

*Egg And Spoon* and *Making Adjustments* from his monologue collection, *Standing Alone*, won the 2018 NODA London Festival Performance Competition.

Melville studied playwriting at The City Literature Institute, Drury Lane, London and also at The Tricycle Theatre, Kilburn.

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#### Reviews - Scratch Night Audience Feedback for *The Distressed Table*

*'This play held me riveted. A poignant, humorous, wonderful piece of drama'.*

*'The contrast in personality of the characters really held me.*

*Much of the play's poignancy and power lies in what is left unsaid'.*

*'I loved the way this drama unfolded.*

*A brilliant two hander with quite enigmatic, deeply interesting characters'.*

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