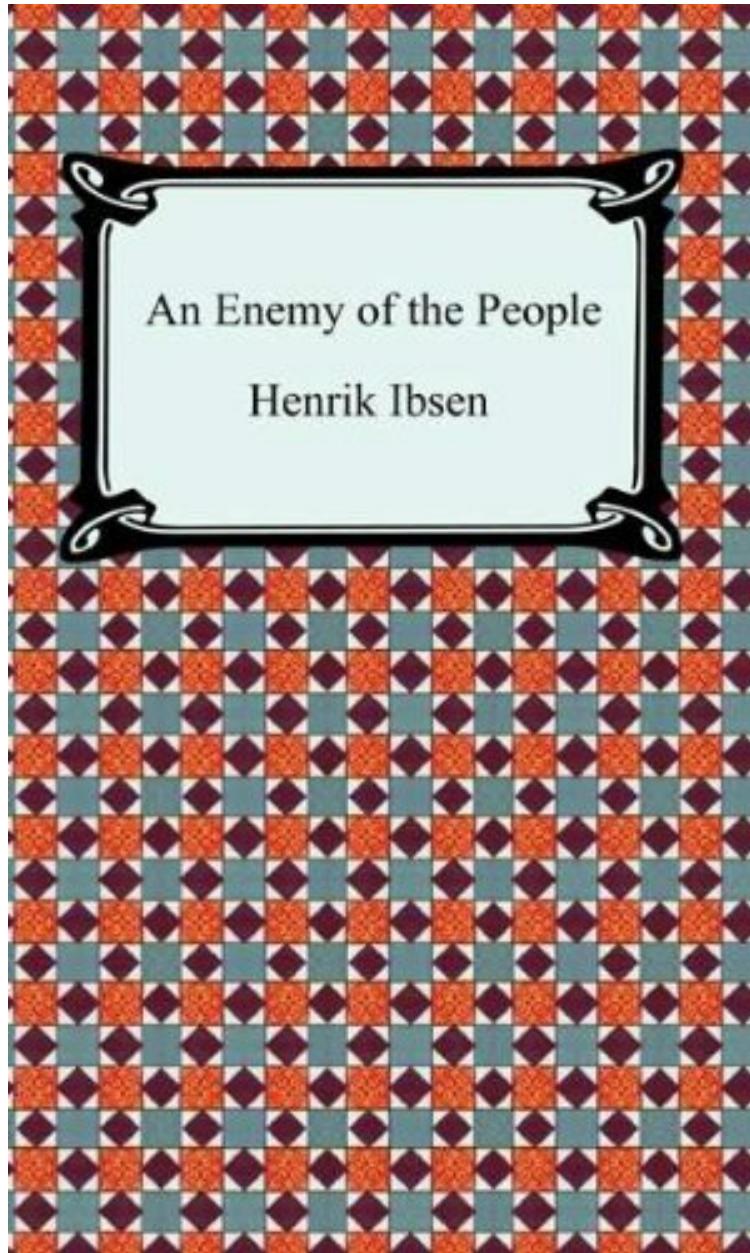


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Henrik Ibsen : An Enemy of the People before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised An Enemy of the People:

7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Great play, so-so translationBy Blue LuciaThe play itself is terrific, if infuriating. Ibsen did a terrific job illuminating how communities struggle to balance short-term economic interests

with long-term health and prosperity, as well as the difficulty of having public debate about scientific issues when most people don't understand the technical details well enough to make their own informed judgments about relative risk and consequences. Replace "tainted water in the public baths" with "climate change" and you see how relevant this play remains today. However, this translation is not great. It often reads like a transliteration, with clunky turns of phrase that may be more precise matches to the original Norwegian but don't sound at all natural in English. The result is that much of the dialogue in this translation feels overly formal and stilted, not the dynamic and vigorous discussions that I suspect were intended. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Written in 1882, Could have been written last year. By doctormama This classic Ibsen play is remarkably modern in content and theme. Imagine - a scientific-minded professional discovers potentially deadly toxic material in a town's main tourist draw, and the town tries hard to ruin him! Imagine - a large group of scientists agree that human activity is creating potentially deadly climate change, and the powers that be try hard to ruin them! Oh my. So many people have been returning to Orwell's 1984, given the current American climate of charges of "fake news" and assertions of "alternative facts" and so on. I would suggest that this play also deserves a second look (or first, if you didn't read it in high school). 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. VERY TRUE STORY FOR TODAY By 91185 This book, written in the form of a play, is as true today as when it was written. Don't let the fact that it is a "play" keep you from reading it! I never thought I would want to read a play either, but this one has changed my perspective on them. Rather than tell what the book is about, which ruins the story for me, I would just highly recommend that people read this. It's a good story with a good morality element.

"An Enemy of the People" is Henrik Ibsen's classic drama of the animosity that can befall someone whose actions, while in the best interest of the public good, threaten the economic well being of a community. "An Enemy of the People" is the story of Dr. Stockmann who, when charged with inspecting the local public baths, discovers that the water is contaminated. When Dr. Stockmann suggests expensive repairs, the local town, which derives much of their economic prosperity from the baths, turns against him.

About the Author Henrik Johan Ibsen (20 March 1828 – 23 May 1906) was a major 19th-century Norwegian playwright, theatre director, and poet. He is often referred to as "the father of realism" and is one of the founders of Modernism in theatre. He is one of the most frequently performed dramatists in the world after Shakespeare, and *A Doll's House* became the world's most performed play by the early 20th century. Several of his later dramas were considered scandalous to many of his era, when European theatre was expected to model strict morals of family life and propriety. Ibsen's later work examined the realities that lay behind many facades, revealing much that was disquieting to many contemporaries. It utilized a critical eye and free inquiry into the conditions of life and issues of morality. Ibsen is often ranked as one of the most distinguished playwrights in the European tradition.