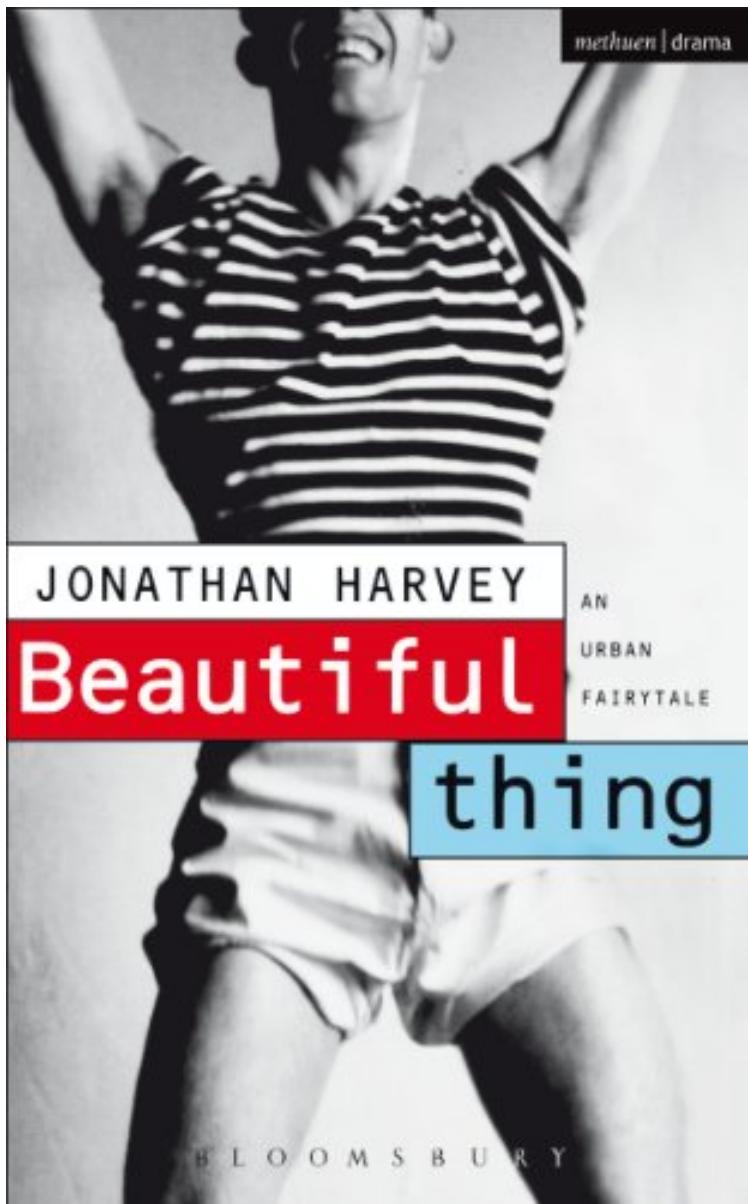


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Jonathan Harvey : Beautiful Thing: Screenplay (Screen and Cinema) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Beautiful Thing: Screenplay (Screen and Cinema):

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By A Customer
It is about two school boys who fall in love. A long hot summer on a housing estate in South London. James is bunking off school, whilst his Mother Sandra juggles job promotion and her relationship with hippy-dippy boyfriend Tony. Next door lives Sassy Leah, who spends her day listening to Mama Cass records. In the same block, Jamie's

class mate Steve, although sporty and popular at school, Is bullied by his drunken father. One day Steve, seeks refuge in Sandra's flat and ends up sleeping head to toe with Jamie...Author says "The only images I really had of gay people when I was growing up were those public boys in cricket jumpers taking each other punting on the river, or the working class boys who got kicked out and ended up working as rent boys. This play in which somebody can be working class and still have their sexuality accepted. That was my agenda. It's not about what you get up to after lights out, it's about falling in love."The feel good book of the summer film 96We love the book and the filmgayteens.org of 0 people found the following review helpful. They Made Their Own Kind Of MusicBy A CustomerFor a change, we have here a most outstanding gay story which doesn't mention AIDS every three paragraphs - in fact, I believe it only comes up once. What a relief! It's the most moving love story, where those who fall in love just happen to be two boys. This really has to be read to be believed - no review could do it justice, so my advice to you is simply to get hold of a copy! You will also fall in love - with Jamie Ste, Leah, her Mum and Sandra - Jamie's Mum. You will laugh and cry, sometimes at the same time. A modern masterpiece. Some further advice to you, when you've finished reading, find a Mama Cass/The Mamas And The Papas CD and lap up the atmosphere. You'll notice how many songs could have been written especially for "Beautiful Thing". By the way, Mama Cass didn't die choking on a sandwich - she had a heart attack.2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. "Beautiful Thing" Is Just ThatBy A CustomerThe tale of two British boys who fall in love in the Thamesmead council estate hits home for all of us, no matter what sexual orientation, age, nationality or upbringing. Jonathan Harvey does a great job of translating his simple, well-written stage production into a broadened, wonderful screenplay. The big screen gave him the chance to further develop the characters of Jamie, Ste and the others. And the "BT" script gives avid fans the opportunity to pick up and understand the thick south London tongue used in the movie

Premiered at the Bush theatre in 1993 Beautiful Thing was released as a feature film by Channel Four films in 1996 directed by Hettie Macdonald and featuring Meera SyalBeautiful Thing explores pre-teenage homo-erotic sensuality and the frictions and intimacies of living cheek by jowl on a Thamesmead housing estate.

About the AuthorJonathan Harvey is an award-winning playwright, whose plays include: The Cherry Blossom Tree (Liverpool Playhouse Studio) which won him the 1987 National Girobank Young Writer of the Year Award; Wildfire (Royal Court Theatre); Beautiful Thing (Bush Theatre, London and Donmar Warehouse/Duke of York's Theatre), winner of the John Whiting Award 1994; Babies (Royal National Theatre Studio/Royal Court Theatre), winner George Devine Award 1993 and Evening Standard's Most Promising Playwright Award 1994; Boom Bang-A-Bang (Bush Theatre); Rupert Street Lonely Hearts Club (English Touring Theatre/Contact Theatre Company, Donmar Warehouse/Criterion Theatre); Swan Song (Pleasance/Hampstead Theatre); Guiding Star (Liverpool Everyman/National Theatre); Hushabye Mountain (English Touring Theatre/Hampstead) and Out in the Open (Hampstead Theatre/Birmingham Rep). Television and film work includes: West End Girls (Carlton); Love Junkie (BBC); Beautiful Thing (Channel Four/Island World Productions); Gimme Gimme Gimme (BBC).