

BOOK REVIEWS

Richard A. Via. *English in Three Acts*

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This carefully planned text is a must for teachers of intermediate and advanced students of oral English.

Richard Via, a theatre professional for twenty-three years, explains and helps the teacher with the preparation so necessary for successful use of drama in the classroom.

In addition to seven original plays and numerous other suggested plays which teachers may want to use, the book explains the purpose of drama in the classroom, gives numerous preparatory suggestions—including breathing and voice exercises, improvisations,

and other classroom exercises.

Amateur dramatists will find the book's numerous suggestions for ESL casting, scene study, makeup, etc. extremely helpful. Included, too, are twenty-two answers to questions often asked by ESL teachers who want to add drama to their other oral teaching skills in the classroom.

This excellent text fills a long felt need in the ESL field.

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