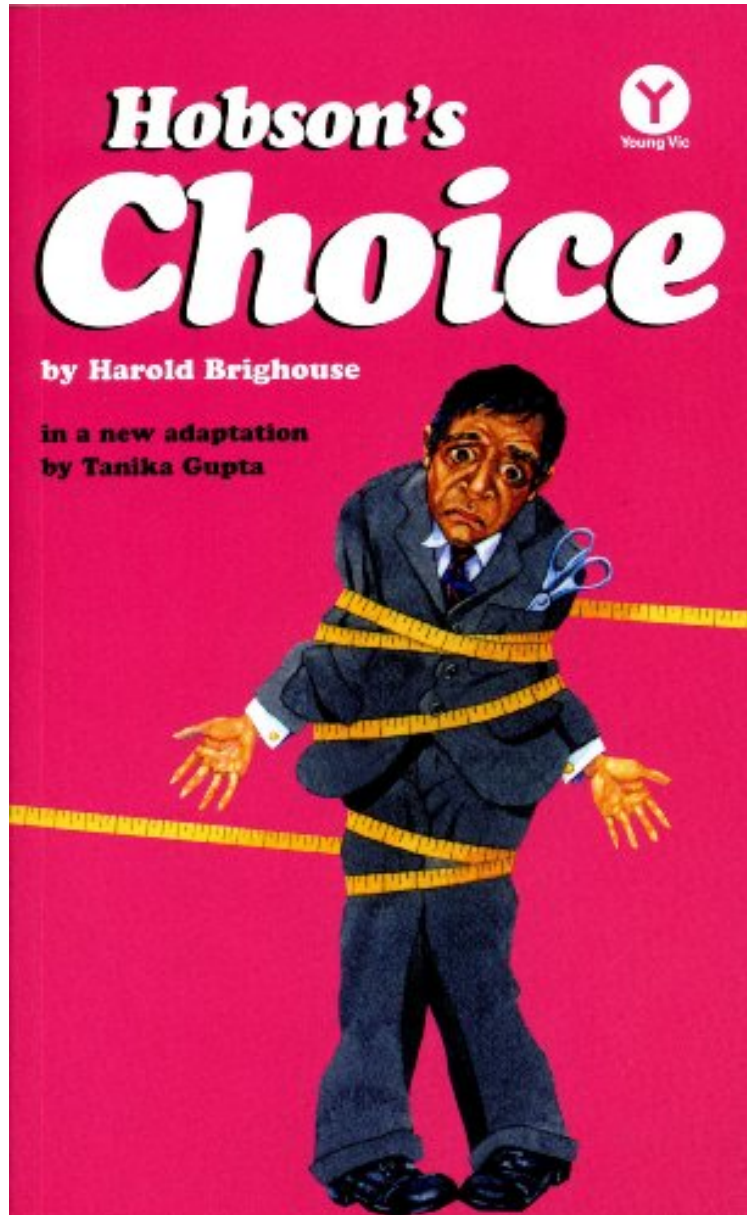


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**Harold Brighouse, Tanika Gupta : Hobson's Choice (Oberon Modern Plays)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Hobson's Choice (Oberon Modern Plays):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Delightful Play ManuscriptBy CustomerThis is the play manuscript on which was based the 1954 movie "Hobson's Choice" brilliantly acted with Charles Laughton, John Mills and Brenda de Banzie, one of my favorite movies of all time. It was nice to be able to read the play and compare

it to the movie. Much of the dialogue and action in the movie was taken directly from the play. Some of the scene settings did have to be different but that made it a bit of fun to see how the play was distinct from the movie and visa versa. The play itself is about a successful boot maker in 1880s England, Mr. Hobson, who dominates his three daughters. His elder daughter Maggie decides enough is enough and entices Hobson's chief boot maker to marry her and then set up a shop of their own. There is much humor in this play as well as showing the strength that a woman needed in that era in which society gave women little credence. I truly enjoyed reading this. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. An Appealing Edition\*By Nancy KopaldWhen I went looking for a copy of the original play of this movie that I love so much, I doubted I would find it at all, much less in such a nice edition as this. It's a large format (8 1/2 X 11) paperback, thin and easy to handle. The paper is good quality, the print is large. I've never heard of Desmondous Publishing, but someone did this wonderful play the honor of issuing it in a very appealing edition. And David Lean had the good sense to keep almost all of Brighouse's dialog verbatim in his film. \*Note: 45 pages into the book, the dialog and stage direction fonts change places. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great PlayBy C ArmstrongI saw this play at my school once and decided to study it more. Really fabulous story. It was cool seeing how the play I saw had been changed from the original.

Widower Hari Hobson has a successful dress-making business and three daughters. The oldest, Durga, is the brains behind the operation. 'Can't we choose husbands for ourselves?' I've been telling you for the last five minutes, you're not even fit to choose dresses for yourselves.' But when Hobson says that Durga is too valuable to lose and must give up all idea of getting married, she takes her fate into her own hands and starts her own rival shop nearby. Tanika Gupta's new version of this classic 1916 comedy sets the play in a modern day Salford Asian community, giving a new generation a chance to enjoy the play's sharp wit and charm. This version of Hobson's Choice was performed at the Young Vic, London, June - August 2003.

About the AuthorHarold Brighouse (26 July 1882 ndash; 25 July 1958) was an English playwright and author whose best known play is Hobson's Choice. He was a prominent member, together with Allan Monkhouse and Stanley Houghton, of a group known as the Manchester School of dramatists.