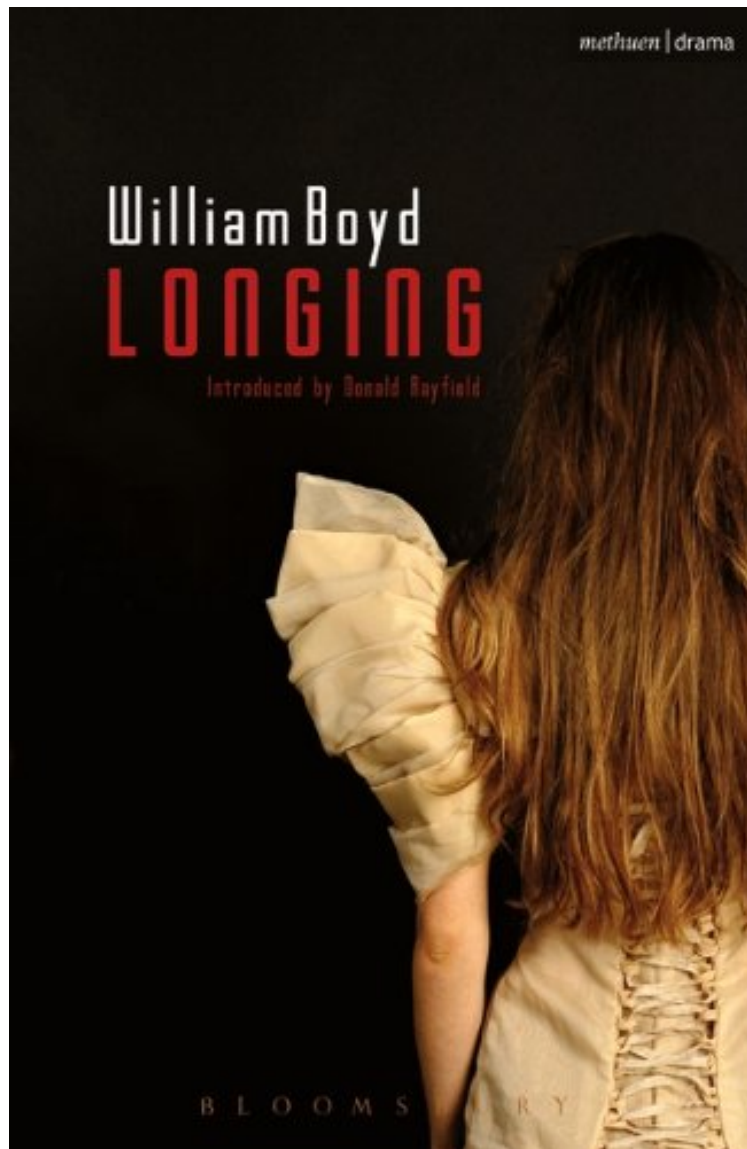


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All things pass ndash; is this your philosophy? Is there no room for love in your philosophy of life?Renowned and best-selling novelist William Boyd, CBE, adapts two Chekhov short stories, A Visit to Friends and My Life, to weave a comic tale about nineteenth-century Russian provincial life, both familiar and unfamiliar.When Kolia is invited to

visit his oldest friends on their Estate in the country he anticipates a pleasant break from Moscow life. But as the comedy of provincial life plays out around him, he finds himself adrift in a miasma of false expectations, missed opportunities, and unspoken passions.

Fascinating . . . there is real ingenuity here, and a manifest love and understanding of the Russian writer ... Boyd ingeniously combines these two narrative strands . . . a truly Chekhovian atmosphere of rueful longing and the cruel inequality of love . . . this partnership between William Boyd and Anton Chekhov is undoubtedly blessed with both wit and moments of deeper feeling. -- Charles Spencer * Telegraph * The play itself is a reverent tribute to Chekhov. There is no mistaking the depth of Boyd's immersion in his work -- Henry Hitchings * Evening Standard * About the Author William Boyd is the author of eleven novels, including *Waiting for Sunrise*. He has won the Whitbread Award; the Somerset Maugham Award; the John Llewellyn Rhys Prize; the James Tait Black Memorial Prize; the Prix Jean Monnet and the Costa Novel of the Year award. An adaptation of his novel *Restless* has been produced for the BBC. *Longing* is his first play.