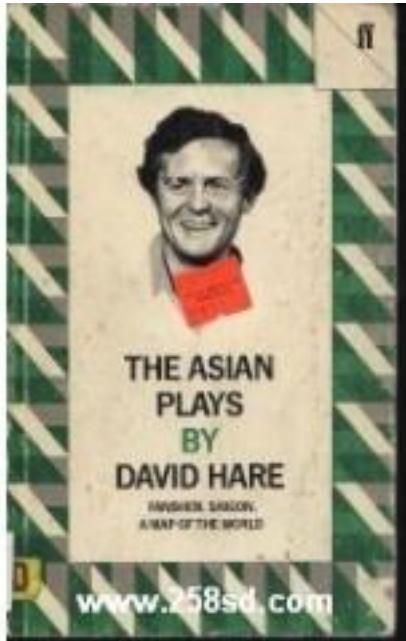


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ACT I
Fanshen is an accurate historical record of what once happened in one village four hundred miles south-west of Peking. Eve~ revolution creates new words. The Chinese revolution created a whole new vocabulary. A most important word in this vocabulary was fanshen . Literally it means to turn the body or \"to turn over . To China's hundreds of millions of landless and land-poor peasants it meant to stand up to throw off the landlord yoke to gain land implements and houses. But it meant much more than this. It meant to enter a new world. That is why the book is called Fanshen. It is the story of how the peasants of Long Bow built a new world. This version of William Hinton's

book should be played with about nine actors taking the thirty or so parts. There are no sets and no lighting cues. It should be performed using authentic props and costumes. At one end of the acting area is a small raised platform on which certain scenes are played. The rest of the acting area thrusts forward into the audience.

SECTION ONE

When the audience are in the actors appear one by one with a piece of information. Then they begin to work on stage at their land or washing or begging or watching until they form a whole picture of the village.

CHUNG-LAI'S WIFE; The village of Long Bow is situated four hundred miles south-west of Peking. One thousand people live there. In 1946 nearly all the people lived off the land.

Landlords claimed from fifty to seventy per cent of their tenants' crop in rent. The rate of interest on loans went as high as one hundred per cent every twenty days. I am Ch ung-lai's wife. I have no land.

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