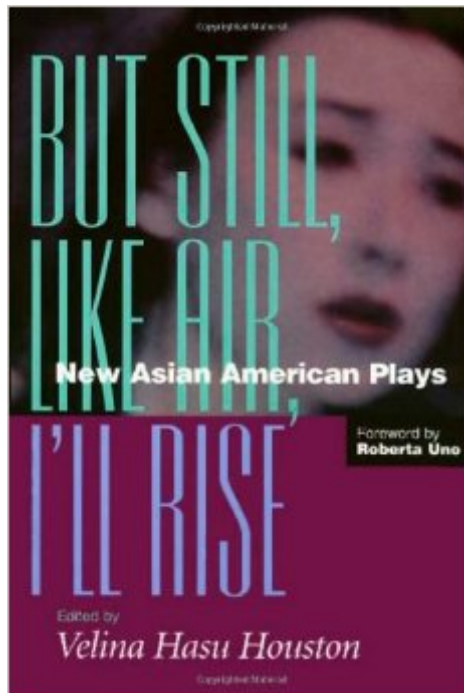


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Good quality item, Recommended

BUT STILL, LIKE AIR, I'LL RISE is from cover to cover an angle on America Theatre often left alone by most of the mainstream, except during ethnic appreciation month, or whatever. So, yes it is very refreshing to have an anotholgy so compact. It's like a treasure for your library of great Asian America plays. However, the content of the plays is not G, PG, or PG13 on average. Some of the plays are dirty for the sake of being dirty. I don't think that is a reason to not buy BUT STILL, LIKE AIR, I'LL RISE, but I'm sure you'll appreciate the warning.

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