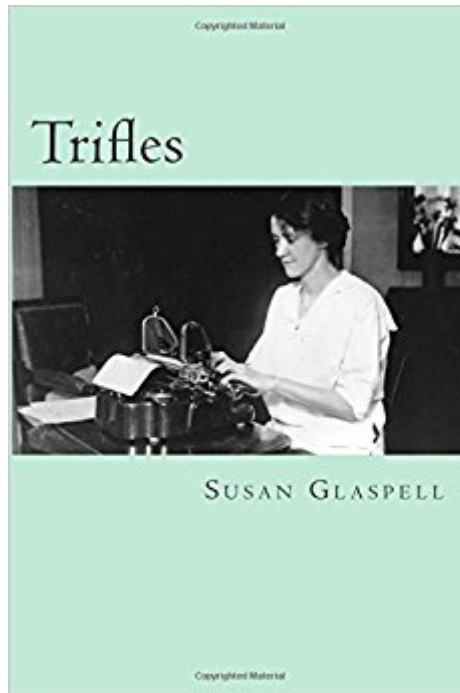




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Synopsis

Susan Glaspell's 'Trifles' is as relevant today as when it was first performed. It is a masterpiece of brevity, full of tension, and an incisive yet subtle attack on patriarchal society: an early feminist masterpiece.

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Here's another one-act for you from the talented folks at L A Theatre Works. It's Susan Glaspell's Trifles, the story of a woman who is accused of murdering her husband by strangling him with a piece of rope. But really, the story is more about the people that come to her house the following day. On the scene are the sheriff, the county attorney, and Mr. Hale, the neighbor who discovered the crime. Also present are Mr. Hale's wife, and the sheriff's wife, Mrs. Peters. The men have gathered to look for evidence and to take Mr. Hale's statement, while the women have come to gather up a few things to take to the accused, who is in jail. The real gem of this story is the irony Glaspell shrewdly wrote into it. The men tromp around the place looking for clues and not really finding anything, all the while teasing the women who seem more worried about the accused's fruit preserves and the half finished quilt. What the men don't know however, is that the women have figured out more than they are letting on. Mrs. Hale has observed how quiet and reclusive the accused had grown over the years, and has now witnessed the unkempt house and the erratic stitching on the quilt. And then there's the canary with the broken neck. The two ladies have pieced together what was going on in the house, the real question is what will they do with that knowledge? Trifles is a full cast audio production complete with sound effects and stars Jeanie Hackett as Mrs. Peters, Amy Madigan as Mrs. Hale, Sam McMurray as the Sheriff, Steven Vinovich

as Mr. Hale, and Steven Weber as the County Attorney. The entire cast delivered a wonderfully dramatic performance and the sound effects were appropriate and well done.

Wonderful, timely little rural murder with overtones of abused wives, insightful women and men who think they know all and women are only interested in "trifles."

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