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Legendary theatre artist Athol Fugard returns to the stage for the first time in fifteen years in this, his latest work. *The Shadow of the Hummingbird* tells the story of an ailing man in his eighties and the afternoon spent with his ten year-old grandson. In a charming meditation on the beauty and transience of the world around us, Fugard continues to mine the depths of the human spirit with profound empathy and heart. The text of the play includes an introductory Prelude by Paula Fourie with extracts from Fugard's unpublished notebooks.

Athol Fugard has been working in the theater as a playwright, director, and actor for more than fifty years. In 2011, he received a Special Tony Award for Lifetime Achievement in the Theatre, and he was the inaugural Humanitas Visiting Professor of Drama at Oxford University. His plays include *Blood Knot*, *Boesman and Lena*, *Statements After an Arrest Under the Immorality Act*, *Sizwe Banzi Is Dead*, *'Master Harold' . . . and the Boys*, *The Road to Mecca*, *My Children! My Africa!* and *The Blue Iris*.

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