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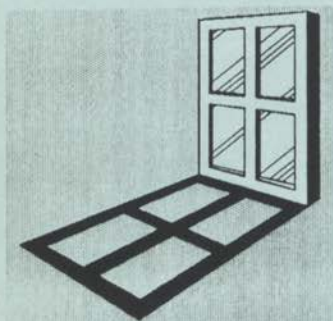
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About the Author

(From Samuel French)

Robin Swados was born in Nyack, New York in 1953. He was for many years an actor and musician before turning his attention to writing "A Quiet End". It received its British and American premieres in London and Los Angeles three weeks apart, and in subsequent productions in theatre in Europe and across America - culminating in the Off-Broadway production at Theatre Off Park in 1990 - A Quiet End has received wide praise from critics and audiences alike. Mr. Swados lives in Manhattan, where he divides his time between his writing and a career in publishing.

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The more I thought about it the more I realized how many Maxes, Billies, Tonies and even Jasons that I knew. There are so many people here, in our hometown, struggling to learn how to live; continuing to find and celebrate life in the face of tremendous odds. By coming to terms with mortality, they have learned and teach us what is most important about life—caring, giving, growing, loving—showing all who will notice how those processes should continue until the last breath has left our bodies.

Supported by these realizations, the announcement of our own hospice here in Harrisburg, the opening of Wellspring Hospice in Lebanon, a deep sense of appreciation of and love for York House, *A Quiet End* simply became the only choice for us to do. My hope is that as you watch this play, you will each become aware of the parts of yourselves in these characters, allowing yourselves to be moved, as they are, to the greater actions that give living its fullest meaning.

My sincerest thanks for your continuing support and enthusiasm,

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Welcome to Lily White and Company, Inc.'s production of "A Quiet End". For those of you familiar with "Lily's" traditional venues, you'll be surprised to discover there is much more to this Company than has previously met the eye. This production is our third attempt at "serious theatre", and I am certain you will be pleased. "A Quiet End" deals with a timely topic, in a serious, but touching way. Many of us can empathize with these characters and what they face during our brief time with them. We pray that this will all end soon.

The proceeds from this production will be donated to area hospices that serve persons with AIDS and HIV. Your attendance tonight will ensure dignity, quality care, safety, warmth and love for someone in his or her final days on this earth. We are indeed *our brothers' keepers*; a responsibility Lily White and Company, Inc. takes very seriously.

Special thanks to the actors, Paul Foltz, Eric Selvey, and the many men and women that gave so freely of their time and talent to make this all happen. Thank you for coming tonight and for supporting the work of the many volunteers involved with Lily White and Company, Inc.

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Edward H. Fuhrer (Max): Eddie is a native of Pittsburgh who has made Harrisburg his home for the past ten years. Employed by PennDOT, Eddie has put his theatrical talents to good use in productions at Met Rep and most recently in Harrisburg Community Theater's *The Miser*. He is also a member of Lily White's supporting company and currently serves as its Treasurer.

Raymond Lontz (Tony): Born in Harrisburg (before one of the floods), Raymond went to high school in Butler, Pa. before an educational stint at Indiana State College. A veteran of eighty productions, including *Anne of a Thousand Days*, *Boys in the Band* and *The Odd Couple*, Raymond has also directed and designed sets. His work has also been showcased in St. Louis with the Kirkwood Players and the City Players of St. Louis. This is his first on stage performance on the Lily stage.

Dave Olmstead (Billy): Dave received his Master's Degree in Theatre from Villanova University and proceeded to enthral audiences in *Children of a Lesser God*, *Romeo and Juliet*, *A Few Good Men*, and most recently in back-to-back performances of *The Miser* and *The Heidi Chronicles*; both at HCT. He has also appeared in numerous radio and television commercials. He is a theater instructor at HACC, Messiah College, HCT Theatre School, and the Carlisle Arts Magnet School.

Daphin Bowman (The Doctor): An administrative assistant at Penna. Steel Technologies, Inc., Daphin's past theatrical efforts include acting (*Jake's Women*, *6 Rms Riv Vu*, *Lend Me a Tenor*, *I Hate Hamlet*), as a Stage Manager (*6 Degrees of Separation*) and as Assistant Stage Manager (*Stepping Out*).

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Lily accomplishes these tasks by producing shows which highlight our humorous and talented female illusionists extraordinaire who have raised over \$50,000 for AIDS support and gay or lesbian service organizations.

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I also applaud our fine producers, reception staff and volunteers for whom we cannot continuously fulfill our goals. I also wish to acknowledge the contributions of two Local organizations joining *Lily White* in educating the public about AIDS—**The Doshi Gallery** and **Friends of the Quilt**. Their delicate, but powerful exhibits convey the essence that is "A Quiet End" as well as the mission of *Lily*.

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