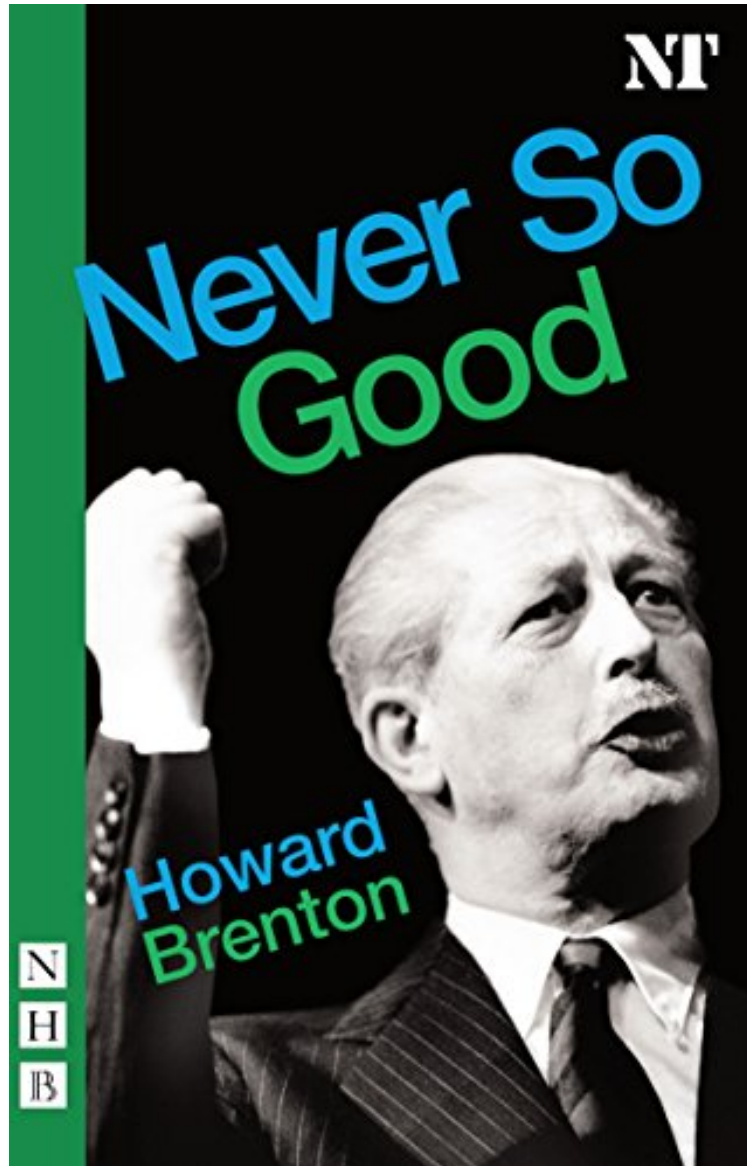


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About the Author Howard Brenton was born in 1942 in Portsmouth, where his father was a policeman and a lay preacher. He had written several plays for the Royal Court, the Royal Shakespeare Company, and the National Theatre before "Romans in Britain" (1980) was famously the cause of a failed prosecution by moral crusaders.