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"If Arthur Miller had married Noel Coward, their son would have been Robbie Baitz." --André Bishop, from the Preface

Jon Rubin Baitz startled the theatrical world with the 1985 debut of *The Film Society*. A frank examination of the controlling forces behind a nearly bankrupt private school for boys in South Africa, *The Film Society* introduced a young playwright with an extraordinarily mature grasp of people, language and society.

Baitz's recent works have fulfilled his early promise and enhanced his reputation. In *The Substance of Fire* (1991), a fiercely intellectual New York publisher struggles with his children for control of his business, and with the relentless pride which has made him previous to love. In *The End of the Day* (1992), an expatriate British doctor adapts to America by abandoning his ideals and succumbing to the twin lures of status and crime.

About the Author: Jon Robin Baitz is the author of *Three Hotels*, *The Film Society*, *Other Desert Cities*, *The End of the Day*, and *The Substance of Fire*, which he adapted into a major motion picture. He was the showrunner on ABC's *Brothers & Sisters*. He also wrote the screenplay for the upcoming film *Stonewall* directed by Roland Emmerich. He lives in New York.

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