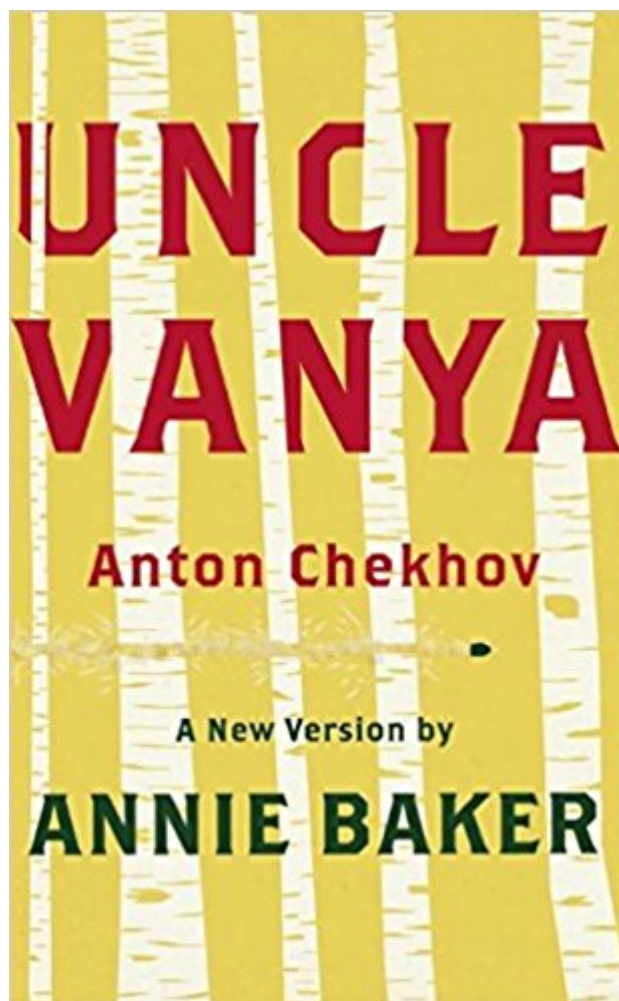


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Best version of Uncle Vanya. Annie Baker is fantastic!

Great work.

Annie Baker has achieved a great deal of success in her short career to date. She won the Pulitzer Prize for "The Flick" and her Vermont Plays were well received (I like her play "John" the best though). In all of her work, there are long pauses, modern phrases and terms, and most of her characters have a hard time connecting with others. Her version of Uncle Vanya has all of that, and I think that it drags the play down. For example, in her version, Doctor Astrov refers to other people as "creeps" several times, which just doesn't fit for a play set in rural Russia in the 1890s (there are many jarring moments like this). I saw this performed at the Quintessence Theater in Philadelphia in June of 2017, and the language was even more jarring in person than on the page. If you are more of a theater purist, you should check out Curt Columbus's translations of Chekhov's four major plays.

Just saw the play at the Goodman, this version is really great, I love Annie Baker and everything that she writes. She did a wonderful job on this adaptation. Her language is really lovely and consistent with the Russian original. Good on the page and in performance. Read more Annie Baker.

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