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# The Emperor's Second-Hand Clothes

*A one-act play by Malvin Wald*

Irving is a thoroughly discouraged young writer who is tired of making his living as a bike messenger and decides to end it all in Central Park. Enter H.C., a dark stranger who befriends Irving and, with the help of another writer making his living as a policeman and a pretty photographer from Irving's past, Irving's personal disappointment turns to hope and everything movies right back into its proper place

In 1948, Malvin Wald wrote *The Naked City*, which closed with the now familiar lines, "There are eight million stories in the naked city. This has been one of them." Even those who have never seen the film can quote this line (or something akin to it). That year, the film was nominated for an Academy Award as the Best Original Story.

During his prolific career, Wald has been associated with over 300 productions as a writer and/or producer. A Google search on the web turns up dozens of pages of Wald references. He has credits on 20 feature films and over 200 television programs and documentaries. His words have been acted by the likes of Elizabeth Taylor, Orson Welles, Bing Crosby, William Holden, Glenn Ford, Lee J. Cobb, Gene Kelly, Mike Wallace, Rich Little, David Opatoshu and Kirk Douglas (to name a few).

Among his films are *Jive Junction* (1943), *The Dark Past* (1949), *Outrage* (1950); *Al Capone* (1959), and *Venus in Furs* (1970), as well as *Behind Locked Doors*, *Ten Gentlemen from West Point*, *The Powers Girl*, *Two in a Taxi*, *Undercover Man*, *On the Loose*, and *Man on Fire*. Wald has received two Academy Award nominations, an Emmy Nomination, a Venice Film Festival Gold Medal in Children's Films, and has won national playwriting awards, including five for *Father Was President* (written with Walter Doniger) and three for *Talk in Darkness*, which marked the dramatic debuts of Sidney Poitier and Harry Belafonte. Bookstores sell videotapes of his two scripts for NBC's *Greatest Heroes of the Bible*, and his multiple documentaries include *Young Abe Lincoln*, *Marilyn Monroe*, *John F. Kennedy* and *In Search of the Historic Jesus*.

In addition to his vast television, film and stage writings, Wald can spin a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon telling a plethora of wonderful stories about his life and career in Hollywood!

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