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John Waters : Pink Flamingos and Other Filth: Three Screenplays by John Waters before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Pink Flamingos and Other Filth: Three Screenplays by John Waters:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A Celebration of FilthBy Chris S.John Waters' early films represent an aesthetic of filth, outsider politics, and queer identity wrapped up in a number of shocking and effective little

cinematic treasures. This book collects the screenplays for two of Waters' greatest schlock-fests, *Pink Flamingos* and *Desperate Living*, as well as the unproduced screenplay for the sequel to *Pink Flamingos*, *Flamingos Forever*. Not only is this a great companion to the films, perfect for any student of Waters and his work, but the *Flamingos Forever* screenplay is a treat - ahh, what might have been if not for the death of so many of Waters' Dreamland Productions actors, including David Lochary, Edith Massey, and drag legend Divine. The sequel has the same type of shock tactics as the original and could have been another great underground classic. Anyone who loves Ke\$ha and her trashy persona should check out John Waters' early works and see the man who created the aesthetic of filth that has helped the trajectory of her career. An exercise in bad taste, indeed.

Here are three of the filthiest-and yet, in their own way, sweetest screenplays ever written: *Pink Flamingos*, *Desperate Living*, and *Flamingos Forever*. Intermixed with the scripts are dozens of classic stills from the films. In *Pink Flamingos*, Waters's muse and leading lady, Divine, a 300-pound cross-dresser who could turn your stomach in one scene and break your heart in the next, competes with her family for the title of "filthiest people alive" as readers will see, it's really anyone's game. *Desperate Living* is a perverse fairy tale featuring gun-toting lesbians, leather-clad castle guards, and a repulsive queen who has her own daughter gang-raped among other atrocities. *Flamingos Forever* is the unproduced sequel to *Pink Flamingos*, set fifteen years after the original, when the rivalry for "filthiest people alive" is revived; it was never filmed, Waters tells us, because by the time it was written, too many of the original cast had died. This book is the only chance for Waters' fans to read it.