

*A Bright New Boise*  
by Samuel D. Hunter

**A Note from the Dramaturg**

Dear Reader,

In the pages that follow, you will find a comprehensive guide to understanding *A Bright New Boise* by Samuel D. Hunter. The information I have compiled can help you pull deeper meanings from the plot, connect history and fiction, and begin to understand what is at stake for these characters. This play contains many religious references and evangelical beliefs that will create larger stakes for these characters with the understanding of the history and traditions behind this religion and the events of the time period and location. This information will help you to draw new meaning from the text that can be built into your interpretation of the characters and their interactions. With the deep knowledge and understanding of these people, you can give its characters new life.

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# Name Meanings

## Will

- Means protector, desire
- Of English origin

## Cronin

- Means swarthy
- Of Irish origin

## Alex

- Means helper and defender of mankind
- Of Greek origin

## Leroy

- Means the King
- Of French origin

## Anna

- Means grace or favor
- Of Hebrew origin

## Pauline

- Means small
- From the Latin name *Paulinus*

## Daniel

- Means God is my judge
- From the Old Testament
  - He remained loyal to God despite persecution and danger

## Sharp

- Means smart person
- Of English origin

## John

- Means graced by God
- Exudes strength, smarts, and kindness
- Derived from the Hebrew *Yohanan*

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