The Bodley Head Bernard Shaw: Collected Plays With Their Prefaces

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One's first reaction is to wonder why there should be yet another major edition of the Shaw Plays: in America there is the Dodd, Mead Collected Plays with Prefaces of 1962; in England, the Constable Collected Edition of 1930 and the Standard Edition of 1931, both supervised by Shaw himself and revised by him in the various reprintings of the Standard Edition. between 1931 and his death in 1950. And on both sides of the Atlantic there is, of course, a multiplicity of paperback editions of the plays in various combinations, sometimes with prefaces, sometimes without.