Straightforward Approach to 'Mice, Men'

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In both novella and play form, "Of Mice and Men" is a study in simplicity. One can read the story of Man--and the story of two men--in John Steinbeck's tightly-crafted, unpretentious novel. It's easy to understand why the play's popularity, with all its theatrical and dramatic elements, has been so enduring.

In George (Frank Cady), the subservient laborer, and Lennie (Carl Adair), the mentally deficient giant, Steinbeck created a tragic, inescapable chain of events. The two men are the focal points of the story, as they struggle to achieve a basic human desire for friendship and companionship. But their shared dream is shattered by the realities of the world that surrounds them.

The play is a powerful demonstration of the human condition, and it continues to resonate with audiences today. The performances of Cady and Adair are outstanding, bringing life to the characters Steinbeck created.

"Of Mice and Men" is a timeless story that speaks to the fundamental truths of human nature. It's a reminder that, even in our darkest moments, there is always the possibility of hope and redemption.