



# Press Release

**TCG PUBLISHES A MOVIE TIE-IN EDITION OF**  
**DOUBT, JOHN PATRICK SHANLEY'S**  
**PULITZER PRIZE-WINNING PLAY,**  
**TO BE RELEASED AS A FILM THIS FRIDAY**

NEW YORK, December 9, 2008 —Theatre Communications Group (TCG) is pleased to announce the publication of a movie tie-in edition of John Patrick Shanley's play *Doubt*, winner of the 2005 Pulitzer Prize for Drama and the Tony Award for Best Play. The film version of the play, written for the screen and directed by Shanley, will be in movie theatres this Friday, with a cast that includes Meryl Streep, Philip Seymour Hoffman, Amy Adams and Viola Davis.

TCG has already sold out the 15,000-copy first printing of the movie edition, which is available now in bookstores and online. In addition to *Doubt*, TCG has also published Shanley's *Defiance* and a collection of his work, *Dirty Story and Other Plays*.

*Doubt* is set in a Bronx Catholic school in 1964, where a strong-minded woman wrestles with conscience and uncertainty as she is faced with concerns about one of her male colleagues. The play dramatizes issues straight from today's headlines, within a world recreated with knowing detail and a judicious eye by Bronx-born-and-bred Shanley, the Academy Award-winning author of *Moonstruck*.

"How splendid it feels to be trusted with such passionate, exquisite ambiguity unlike anything we have seen from this prolific playwright so far," writes Linda Winer of *Newsday* about the stage production that premiered at Manhattan Theatre Club, and then later transferred to Broadway. "Blunt yet subtle, manipulative but full of empathy for all sides, the play is set in 1964 but could not be more timely. In just 90 fast-moving minutes, Shanley creates four blazingly individual people. *Doubt* is a lean, potent drama...passionate, exquisite, important and engrossing."

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**John Patrick Shanley** is the author of numerous plays, including *Danny and the Deep Blue Sea*, *Dirty Story*, *Four Dogs and a Bone*, *Psychopathia Sexualis*, *Sailor's Song*, *Savage in Limbo* and *Where's My Money?* He has written extensively for TV and film, and his credits include the teleplay for "Live from Baghdad" and screenplays for *Five Corners* and *Moonstruck*, for which he won an Academy Award for original screenplay. Shanley dedicates the play "to the many orders of Catholic nuns who devoted their lives to serving others in hospitals, schools, and retirement homes."

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*Doubt*

by **John Patrick Shanley**

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Also available from TCG Books:

*Defiance*

by **John Patrick Shanley**

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by **John Patrick Shanley**

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