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Two New Titles from TCG Books:
In the Next Room or the vibrator play* and *Passion Play
by Sarah Ruhl

NEW YORK, NY – Theatre Communications Group (TCG) is pleased to announce the publication of *Passion Play* and *In the Next Room or the vibrator play*, two new play volumes by Pulitzer Prize finalist and MacArthur “Genius” Fellow Sarah Ruhl. Ruhl’s work mixes lyricism, comedy and fierce intelligence into a singular theatrical vision, and these plays are the recent achievements of a writer who is fast leaving her mark on the American theatre.

***In The Next Room:* “Best Broadway Play of 2009...Ruhl has defied gender and genre orthodoxy to give us a hilarious and moving meditation on the many factors that complicate communication between (and within) the sexes.” –USA Today**

In the Next Room or the vibrator play is a masterful comedy that hovers at the dawn of electricity, when enthusiasm for the light bulb gave rise to a handy new instrument to treat female hysteria. A work that’s “insightful, fresh and funny...as rich in thought as it is in feeling,” (*New York Times*) the play enjoyed an acclaimed Broadway run and went on to become a Pulitzer Prize finalist and Tony Award nominee for Best Play.

***Passion Play:* “Sarah Ruhl’s provocative look at the tale of Jesus’ trials staged in three eras makes a good case for this epic as a new American classic.” –Time**

Passion Play, “Ruhl’s biggest, most ambitious effort yet,” (*New York Times*) is a three-hour epic about the annual staging of the Passion by a community of players in three different eras: Northern England in 1575, just before Queen Elizabeth outlaws the ritual; Bavaria in 1934, during the rise of Hitler; and Spearfish, South Dakota, from the time of Vietnam through Reagan’s presidency. A powerful and eloquent exploration of the intersection of politics and religion, *Passion Play* went on to win the Kennedy Center’s Fourth Freedom Forum Playwriting Award.

In addition to *The Clean House and Other Plays* and *Dead Man’s Cell Phone*, these are the third and fourth titles by Sarah Ruhl published by TCG.

Sarah Ruhl’s plays include *The Clean House* (finalist for the Pulitzer Prize); *Dean Man’s Cell Phone* (Helen Hayes Award for Best New Play); *Demeter in the City* (nominated for nine NAACP awards) *Euydice*; *Melancholy Play*; *Late: a cowboy song* and *Orlando*. She is the recipient of a Whiting Writers’ Award, a PEN/Laura Pels Award, and a MacArthur Fellowship. Her plays have premiered on Broadway, Off-Broadway, and in many theatres around the world.

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In the Next Room or the vibrator play

by Sarah Ruhl

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Passion Play

by Sarah Ruhl

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Also by Sarah Ruhl, available from TCG Books:

The Clean House and Other Plays

\$17.95 978-1-55936-266-5

Dead Man's Cell Phone

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