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**New from TCG Books:  
*The Lyons* by Nicky Silver**



NEW YORK, NY – Theatre Communications Group (TCG) is pleased to announce the publication of *The Lyons*, the **vicious and hilarious new play by Nicky Silver**. The critically acclaimed black comedy premiered Off-Broadway at the Vineyard Theatre in fall 2011 before moving to Broadway the following spring, earning a Drama Desk Award nomination for Outstanding Play.

**“Nicky Silver’s best play since *The Food Chain*... Hilariously frank, clear-sighted, compassionate and forgiving... laughter that rises in close and regular waves.”**  
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**Nicky Silver’s** plays include seven which have premiered at Vineyard Theatre: *Pterodactyls* (Oppenheimer Award, Kesselring Award, Drama Desk nomination, Outer Critics Circle nomination), *Raised in Captivity* (Drama Desk nomination, Outer Critics Circle nomination), *The Eros Trilogy*, *The Maiden’s Prayer*, *My Marriage to Ernest Borgnine* (Vineyard Lab Production), *The Altruists*, *Beautiful Child* and *The Agony and the Agony* (Vineyard Lab Production). Other notable plays include *Three Changes*

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