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New from TCG Books:

***Prodigal Son* by John Patrick Shanley**



NEW YORK, NY – Theatre Communications Group (TCG) is pleased to announce the publication of *Prodigal Son* by **John Patrick Shanley**. The play premiered in January of 2016 and is currently in production Off Broadway at Manhattan Theatre Club in New York.

"A keen, passionate portrait of the author as a poetry-spouting romantic punk torn between literary dreams and his roots in the Bronx... *Prodigal Son* is pure, splendid Shanley: shaggily idealistic and always scratching a philosophical itch underneath jokes and banter."

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"Closely modeled on Mr. Shanley's experiences as a student, *Prodigal Son* is a hymn to the impossible, combustible and brilliant young thing he once was."

—Ben Brantley, *New York Times*

John Patrick Shanley is the author of *Doubt: A Parable* (Pulitzer Prize for Drama, Tony Award for Best Play), *Outside Mullingar* (Tony nomination for Best Play), *Defiance*, *Storefront Church*, *Danny and the Deep Blue Sea*, *Dirty Story*, and many other plays. He wrote the teleplay for *Live from Baghdad* (Emmy nomination for Outstanding Writing of a Miniseries, Movie or Dramatic Special) and the screenplays for *Congo*, *Alive*, *Five Corners*, *Joe Versus the Volcano*, *Doubt* (Academy Award nomination for Best Adapted Screenplay), and *Moonstruck* (Academy Award for Best Original Screenplay).

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