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New from TCG Books:
Eclipsed by Danai Gurira

NEW YORK, NY – Theatre Communications Group (TCG) is pleased to announce the publication of Danai Gurira’s Eclipsed. The world premiere of Eclipsed was in the fall of 2009 at Woolly Mammoth Theatre Company, with several subsequent productions in regional theatres across the country. The play received its Off-Broadway premiere at The Public Theater in the fall of 2015, and that production will move to Broadway in February 2016.

“Eclipsed, Danai Gurira’s shattering drama about women’s suffering during the Liberian civil wars…flickers with glimmers of light, humanity and even hope. At its conclusion that last emotion finally breaks through forcefully, like a piercing shaft of sunlight breaking through a cloudburst.”
– Charles Isherwood, New York Times

Amid the chaos of the Liberian Civil War, the captive wives of a rebel officer band together to form a fragile community—until the balance of their lives is upset by the arrival of a new girl. Drawing on reserves of wit and compassion, Eclipsed reveals distinct women who must discover their own means of survival in this deeply felt portrait of women finding and testing their own strength in a hostile world of horrors not of their own making.

“Stirring and sobering . . . a deeply felt portrait of women in extremis, finding and testing their own strength.”
– Trey Graham, Washington City Paper

Danai Gurira is an award-winning Zimbabwean American actor and playwright. As a playwright, her works include In the Continuum, Eclipsed, The Convert, and Familiar, which had its world premiere at Yale Repertory Theatre in February 2015. All her works explore the subjective African voice. As an actor, she has appeared in the films The Visitor, Mother of George, 3 Backyards and the television show Treme, among others. She currently plays Michonne on AMC’s The Walking Dead. She is the co-founder of Almasi Collaborative Arts, which works to give access and opportunity to the African dramatic artist.
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