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“A fascinating and stimulating distillation.”
–Clive Barnes

New from TCG Books
Conversations with Peter Brook: 1970-2000
Insights from the World-Renowned Director

NEW YORK — Theatre Communications Group (TCG) is pleased to announce the publication of ***Conversations with Peter Brook: 1970-2000*** by **Margaret Croyden, who followed Brook’s directing career for more than 30 years, gaining unparalleled perspective on the evolution of his work.** Throughout the interviews in this book, Croyden elicits from Brook some of his most insightful thoughts and deepest feelings about theatre and the world.

“Peter Brook continues to astonish...There is a true, honest, fearless voice in this fascinating conversation.” –Ken Burns

Peter Brook is one of the giants of twentieth-century theater, who through his groundbreaking productions virtually reinvented the way actors and directors think about the stage. This volume begins with his airborne *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*; chronicles the beginning of his International Center of Theater Research and his work in the Middle East and Africa; covers his foray into opera with *La Tragédie de Carmen*; and delves into his nine-hour production of the Indian myth *The Mahabharata*, among other topics.

“Croyden’s book is an absolute necessity for any reader interested in twentieth-century theater... Truly a meeting with a remarkable man.” –André Gregory

Brook discusses with Croyden the inception of his masterwork: “*The Mahabharata* is the richest material I have come across...It touches on so many levels, from the practical to the most spiritual and metaphysical, all in one living world...The moment we came across this, we decided there was no better way of spending a long time.”

TCG Books has also published two volumes of Peter Brook’s essays: *Evoking and Forgetting Shakespeare* and *The Shifting Point*, a major collection of his writings.

Margaret Croyden is a well-known critic, commentator and journalist whose articles on theater and the arts have appeared in the *New York Times*, *Village Voice*, *The Nation*, *American Theatre*, *Antioch Review*, *Texas Quarterly* and *Transatlantic Review*. She is the author of *Lunatics, Lovers and Poets: The Contemporary Experimental Theater*.

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Conversations with Peter Brook: 1970-2000

by Margaret Croyden

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