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**“The pleasures of 19<sup>th</sup> century platform entertainment with a tart contemporary twist. The emotional through line transforms a ripping good yarn into a touching character study. It delights in both respects.” –*Variety***

**New from TCG Books  
Pulitzer Prize-Winner Donald Margulies’  
Latest Play: *Shipwrecked!***

NEW YORK — Theatre Communications Group (TCG) is pleased to announce the publication of *Shipwrecked! An Entertainment—The Amazing Adventures of Louis de Rougemont (as told by himself)*, the latest play by Donald Margulies, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Dinner with Friends*. With this new work, Margulies revisits themes of authenticity and loss, with a story about the very nature of storytelling.

**“A deft literate narrative folded into a vaudevillian romp.” —*Los Angeles Times***

*Shipwrecked!* is based on the tales of Louis de Rougemont, a hoaxer who spellbound 19<sup>th</sup>-century readers with his adventures as a castaway in the South Pacific—until it was revealed that his accounts of buried treasure, a giant killer octopus and cannibals were, in fact, fictional. In the book’s afterword, Margulies writes that with *Shipwrecked!* he wanted to create “a play that would make no attempt to replicate onstage what television and movies do but would instead celebrate the uniqueness of theater.”

**“Good old fashioned yarn spinning... The breathless story of a Victorian gentleman whose colorful past springs to life like a theatrical pop-up book.”  
—*New York Times***

With his “exuberantly theatrical” (*Time Out New York*) piece, Margulies strips away the trappings of spectacle—using minimal scenery, three players and the simple sound effects they create—to, as Margulies says, “get back to what theater does best: enlighten, amuse, transport, make you forget, or force you to remember.”

**Donald Margulies** received the 2000 Pulitzer Prize for Drama for *Dinner with Friends*, which has been produced across the U.S. and around the world. His other plays include *Sight Unseen* (Obie Award for Best New American Play); *Brooklyn Boy*; *Collected Stories*; *God of Vengeance*, based on the Yiddish classic; among many others. Born in Brooklyn, he lives in New Haven, Connecticut, with his wife and his son, to whom the play is dedicated.

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***Shipwrecked! An Entertainment—The Amazing Adventures of Louis de Rougemont (as told by himself)***

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