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TCG to Publish the 2012 Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Drama



NEW YORK, NY – Theatre Communications Group (TCG) is pleased to announce the publication of **Quiara Alegría Hudes’s *Water by the Spoonful*, the 2012 winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Drama.** The play, which will be available in paperback and hardcover, premiered at Hartford Stage in Hartford, CT in 2011 and will receive its Off-Broadway premiere at New York City’s Second Stage Theatre in winter 2012.

“A beautiful, heartbreaking knockout of a play, as startling and innovative and human on the page as on the stage.” — Junot Díaz

Water by the Spoonful follows Elliot, a 19-year-old marine, as he struggles to find his place in the world upon returning from Iraq. While he copes with the monotony of day-to-day life, somewhere in a chat room, four recovering addicts forge an unbreakable bond of love and support. The boundaries of family and friendship are stretched across continents and cyberspace in this heartfelt, poetic meditation on lives on the brink of redemption in an uncertain time.

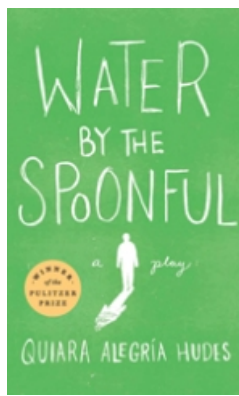
Water by the Spoonful is the second installment of Hudes’s *The Elliot Trilogy*, which began with the Pulitzer Prize finalist *Elliot, A Soldier’s Fugue* and will conclude with *The Happiest Song Plays Last*, which will premiere at Chicago’s Goodman Theatre in spring 2013. TCG will publish *Elliot, A Soldier’s Fugue* in September and *The Happiest Song Plays Last* in late 2013.

“How many plays make us long for grace? *Water by the Spoonful* is such a rare play; it is a yearning, funny, deeply sad and deeply lyrical piece, a worthy companion to Hudes’s *Elliot, Soldier’s Fugue*. The play infects us with the urge to find connection within our families and communities and remains with us long after we’ve left the theatre.” — Paula Vogel

Quiara Alegría Hudes wrote the book for the Broadway musical *In the Heights*, which received the 2008 Tony Award for Best Musical, a Tony nomination for Best Book of a Musical and was a Pulitzer Prize finalist. Hudes is on the board of Philadelphia Young Playwrights, which produced her first play in the tenth grade. She lives in New York with her husband and daughter.

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