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"Shanley chooses characters stretched to the breaking point between rage and love... His are characters of obsessive passions who match those passions with hyper-melodic language." --*BOMB* magazine

When a troubled but gifted boy from the South Bronx arrives at a private school in New Hampshire, two faculty members wrestle with how to help him adjust to his new environment. The boy is violent, brilliant, alienated, and on fire with a ferocious loneliness. As with his Pulitzer Prize-winning play, *Doubt*, John Patrick Shanley has drawn on his personal experiences to create an explosive portrait of a young man on the verge of either salvation or destruction.

**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*, and *Dirty Story*, among 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, a parable* (Academy Award nomination for Best Adapted Screenplay) and *Moonstruck* (Academy Award for Best Original Screenplay).

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