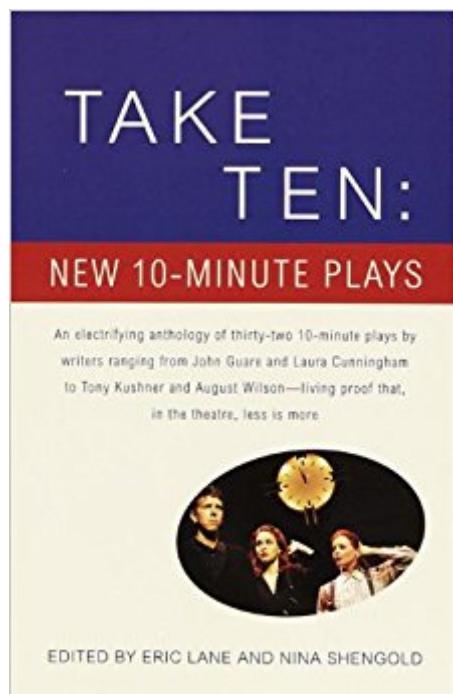


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Eric Lane and Nina Shengold have been editing contemporary theater anthologies for more than twenty years. Eric Lane's award-winning plays have been published and performed in the United States, Canada, Europe, and China. Plays include *Ride*, *Times of War*, *Heart of the City*, *Dancing on Checkers' Grave*, and *Filming O'Keeffe*. *Floating*, a PlayPenn finalist, was workshopped at Raven Theatre. Eric's short plays are published in *Best American Short Plays*, *Poems and Plays*, and the Foreign Language Press (Beijing). He wrote and produced the short films *First Breath* and *Cater-Waiter*, which he also directed; both films screened in more than forty cities worldwide. For TV's *Ryan's Hope* he received a Writers Guild Award. Honors include the Berrilla Kerr Playwriting Award, the La MaMa Playwright Award, and fellowships at Yaddo, VCCA, and St. James Cavalier in Malta. Eric is an honors graduate of Brown University, and artistic director of Orange Thoughts, a not-for-profit theater and film company in New York City. Nina Shengold's plays include *Finger Foods*, *War at Home*, *Homesteaders*, and *Romeo/Juliet*, and have been produced around the world. Her one-act *No Shoulder* was filmed by director Suzi Yoonessi, with Melissa Leo and Samantha Sloyan. Nina won a Writers Guild Award for her teleplay *Labor of Love*, starring Marcia Gay Harden; other teleplays include *Blind Spot*, with Joanne Woodward and Laura Linney, and *Unwed Father*. Her books include the novel *Clearcut*; *River of Words: Portraits of Hudson Valley Writers* (with photographer Jennifer May), and a growing posse of pseudonymous books for young readers. A graduate of Wesleyan, she is currently teaching creative writing at Manhattanville College. Nina lives in New York's Hudson Valley, where she has been books editor of *Chronogram* magazine since 2004.

This is a great read for anyone interested in playwriting. Published in 1997 with plays written by now famous playwrights including Christopher Durang, John Augustine, Tony Kushner, David Mamet, David Ives, John Guare, August Wilson and more, lends insight into how they may have begun their careers. There are some playwrights in this book unknown to me whose works are also wonderful and inspiring.

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