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With deft attention to familial dynamics and a tense undercurrent of socio-political realities, *Appropriate* harkens the likes of Tracy Letts or Sam Shepard, but with Branden Jacobs-Jenkins's unique flair for melodrama and touch of the absurd.

Themes of history and racial politics permeate much of this young playwright's astounding work. This collection also includes the acclaimed play *An Octoroon*, a bombastic theatrical investigation of theater and identity, wherin an old play gives way to a startlingly contemporary piece. The third play, *Neighbors*, uses old minstrelsy tropes to challenge what makes contemporary society comfortable, and asserts pointedly that it shouldn't be.

Branden Jacobs-Jenkins's plays include *An Octoroon*, *Neighbors*, *Appropriate*, *Gloria*, and *War*. He is a playwright-in-residence at Signature Theatre. Recent honors include a 2014 Obie Award for Best New American Play (*An Octoroon* and *Appropriate*).



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