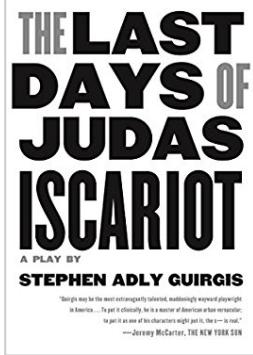


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“Guirgis may be the most extravagantly talented . . . playwright in America . . . To put it clinically, he is a master of American urban vernacular; to put it as one of his characters might put it, the s---- is real.” ?Jeremy McCarter, *The New York Sun*

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Stephen Adly Guirgis's previous plays? *Our Lady of 121st Street, Jesus Hopped the A Train, and In Arabia, We'd All Be Kings*? were published by Faber in an omnibus edition in 2003. He lives in New York City.

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