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"*Elliot, A Soldier's Fugue* is that rare and rewarding thing: a theatre work that succeeds on every level while creating something new. The playwright combines a lyrical ear with a sophisticated sense of structure to trace the legacy of war through three generations of a Puerto Rican family. Without ever invoking politics, *Elliot, a Soldier's Fugue* manages to be a deeply poetic, touching and often funny indictment of the war in Iraq."—*The New York Times*

From Quiara Alegría Hudes, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Water by the Spoonful*, comes this companion play, itself a Pulitzer finalist.

In a crumbling urban lot that has been converted into a verdant sanctuary, a young Marine comes to terms with his father's service in Vietnam as he decides whether to leave for a second tour of duty in Iraq.

Melding a poetic dreamscape with a stream-of-consciousness narrative, *Elliot, A Soldier's Fugue* takes us on an unforgettable journey across time and generations, lyrically tracing the legacy of war on a single Puerto Rican family.

Elliot, A Soldier's Fugue, a finalist for the 2007 Pulitzer Prize, is the first installment in a trilogy of plays that follow Elliot's return from Iraq. The second play, *Water by the Spoonful*, received the 2012 Pulitzer Prize and will be published by Theatre Communications Group concurrently with *Elliot, A Soldier's Fugue*. The trilogy's final play, *The Happiest Song Plays Last*, premiered in April 2012 at Chicago's renowned The Goodman Theatre.

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