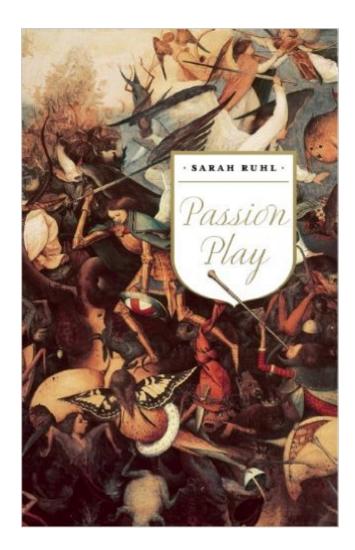
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## **Passion Play (TCG Edition)**





## Synopsis

Named one of the "Ten Best Plays of 2008" by The New Yorkerâ œSarah Ruhlâ ™s bold, inventive, and ironic triptych [is] a meditation on devotion and its appropriation by the state. . . . Ruhl is an original; a storyteller with a fine mind evolving her own theatrical idiom. â • â "John Lahr, The New Yorkerâ œltâ ™s a different kind of morality play . . . an often wondrous work . . . with [Ruhlâ ™s] own special lyrical blend of poetry, humor and grace.â •â "Frank Rizzo, VarietyPassion Play is Sarah Ruhlâ ™s â œbiggest, most ambitious effort yetâ • (The New York Times), a three-and-a-half hour intimate epic, plunging the depths of the timely intersection of politics and religion. Ruhl dramatizes a community of players rehearsing their annual staging of the Easter Passion in three different eras: 1575 northern England, just before Queen Elizabeth outlaws the ritual; 1934 Oberammergua, Bavaria, as Hitler is rising to power; and Spearfish, South Dakota, from the time of Vietnam through Reaganâ <sup>™</sup>s presidency. In each period, the players grapple in different ways with the transformative nature of art, and politics are never far in the background, as Queen Elizabeth, Hitler, and Reagan each appear, played by a single commanding actor.Sarah Ruhlâ ™s plays include Dead Manâ <sup>™</sup>s Cell Phone, Eurydice, and The Clean House, which was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize. Her work has been widely produced both throughout the country and internationally, and she is the recipient of the MacArthur â œGeniusâ • Fellowship.

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Sarah Ruhl's most ambitious play to date largely lives up to its broad promise of an examination of

the concept of the Christian Passion Play across several centuries and nations. Characters appear and disappear in and out of their time, and actors appear in multiple roles as parallels in each motif. Queen Elizabeth and Hitler make striking appearances, though Ruhl's vision of Ronald Reagan is less convincing.

My daughter was ecstatic that she got this for her Christmas present! She is very involved in the theater world, and was looking forward to getting this play.

Everyone should read this. The best choice for a comedy play I've read in a while. Great dialogue, and brilliant.

Entertaining. Playful. Colorful. Childish. Silly. Insubstantial. Clever and witty at times. Weak overall. <u>Download to continue reading...</u>

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