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Banned in his native Singapore, Chay Yew has been hailed as "a promising new voice in American theater" by *Time* magazine. With these two powerful, provocative plays, Yew first brought his startling and poetic voice to stages across America and abroad, exploring the battlegrounds, both internal and external, where matters of the heart conflict with barriers of race and sexuality.

PORCELAIN is an examination of a young man's crime of passion. Triply scorned—as an Asian, a homosexual, and now a murderer—nineteen-year-old John Lee has confessed to shooting his lover in a public lavatory in London. A winner of the London Fringe Award for Best Play, *Porcelain* dissects the crime through a prism of conflicting voices: newscasts, flashbacks, and John's own recollections to a prison psychiatrist.

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"A telling inquiry into love, loss, language and the endless process of self-definition."
—Margo Jefferson, *The New York Times*

WITH A FOREWORD BY GEORGE C. WOLFE



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