

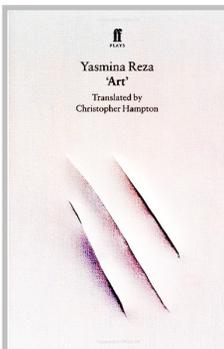
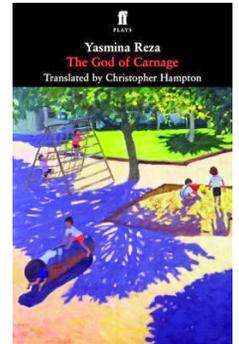
Families, Foibles, Friends, and Fine Art

Tampa Bay Great Books June 12th Drama Festival to explore two prize-winning plays by Yasmina Reza



Known for her sparkling wit and her ability to saturate simple situations with complex meaning, Yasmina Reza has become one of the most popular playwrights of the modern era, and her Tony Award-winning creations “**The God of Carnage**” and “**Art**” form the basis for the next one-day conference presented by the Tampa Bay Great Books Council. The annual mid-year Drama Festival will take place on **Saturday, June 12, 2021, beginning at 10:00 AM**. Send in your registration form (below) and your check for \$20 to reserve your place before this event sells out!

Our day of theater begins with a playground fight between two boys — a common enough event, but one which spirals into inter-family squabbles, tantrums, and tears when the two sets of parents meet to discuss the situation with reason and civility. “**The God of Carnage**” won the Tony Award for “Best Play” in 2009, featuring performances by actors including James Gandolfini, Jeff Daniels, Marcia Gay Harden, and Hope Davis (all of whom were nominated for Best Actor/Actress for their performances)! The play was subsequently adapted into a film directed by Roman Polanski starring Jodie Foster and Kate Winslet. (Book available at Barnes & Noble for around \$15; “Acting Version” on Amazon for \$10.)



After a midday break, you’ll re-convene with our other participants to consider the meaning of Art and the meaning of Friendship, in a discussion of Yasmina Reza’s “**Art**.” The purchase of a spectacularly-expensive (but blindingly-simple) painting sets one friend against another, while a third is caught squarely between them. “Art” enjoyed an eight-year presence on the London stage, as well as a 600-performance run on Broadway, earning a Tony Award for “Best Play of 1998” with a cast of Alan Alda, Victor Garber and Alfred Molina. (Available at Amazon.com for around \$15.)

Tampa Bay Great Books Council—June 12, 2021 Drama Festival Registration

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Attach this form to your \$20 check made payable to “Tampa Bay Great Books Council.”

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Zoom credentials will be e-mailed to you prior to the event.