



## **DOUBT by John Patrick Shanley**

**MRS. MULLER:** You accept what you got to accept and you work with it. ... Well he's got to be somewhere, maybe he's doin' some good too ... Well maybe some of them boys want to get caught. ... That's why his father beat him. Not the wine. ... I'm talkin' about the boy's nature, nun. Not anything he's done. You can't hold a child responsible for what God gave him to be. ... But then there's the boy's nature ... Forget it then. Forcing people to say things. My boy came to your school 'cause they were gonna kill him in the public schools. His father don't like him. He come to your school, kids don't like him. One man is good to him, this priest. And does a man have his reasons? Yes. Everybody does. You have your reasons but, do I ask the man why he's good to my son? No. I don't care why. My son needs some man to care about him. And to see him through the way he wants to go. And thank God this educated man, with some kindness in him, wants to do just that.