

Play Reading Workshop led by Adele Berg-Layton

Water by the Spoonful By Quiara Alegria Hudes

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Cast

Elliot Ortiz	Mary-Ellen Campbell
Yazmin Ortiz	Christa Olson
Haikumom	Judy Irwin
Fountainhead/John	Nathalie Bailey
Chutes&Ladders/Wilkie	Carol Grant
Orangutan/Madeleine	Katharine Krebs
A Ghost/ Professor/ Police	
Stage directions	Adele Berg-Layton

Clarifications:

- Elliot, birth son to Odessa was raised by Eugenia "Ginnie" and her husband Pop. They also raised, Yaz , their child by birth.
- Yaz was married to William, a blonde white man, and is getting a divorce.
- The Ortiz's are Puerto Rican. Odessa and Eugenia are immigrants.
- John is a white male, living in Philadelphia, a computer programmer and entrepreneur
- Wilkie is a black male living in San Diego, works for the IRS
- Madeleine/Yoshiko is a Japanese woman, adopted at birth and raised in the USA by white parents

Questions for discussion:

1. What are the main themes that surface in this play?
2. How does this play deal with issues of race?
3. How does this play deal with issues of immigration?
4. How did stepping into one character and reading the play together affect your perception of the story?