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**Woza Albert!** - Percy Mtwa - 2018-02-22

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Through the Body - Dympha Callery - 2015-12-22
In the Body, Dympha Callery introduces the reader to the principles behind the work of key practitioners of 20th-century theatre including Artaud, Grotowski, Brook and Lecoq. She offers exercises that turn their theories into practice and explore their principles in action.

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The Drama and Theatre of Sarah Ruhl - Amy Muse - 2018-07-26
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