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Book by Jeffrey Lane | Music and Lyrics by David Yazbek | Based on the film Dirty Rotten Scoundrels written by Dale Launer & Stanley Shapiro & Paul Henning | Directed and choreographed by Max Reimer

**A PLAYHOUSE THEATRE COMPANY PRODUCTION**

# PLAY GUIDE

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SUGGESTED BY THE PLAYHOUSE TEACHERS  
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# SUGGESTED BOOKS

## **BEDTIME STORY (ON VIDEO)**

The original film starring David Niven, Marlon Brando and Shirley Jones that became the basis for *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*.

## **CATCH ME IF YOU CAN BY FRANK ABAGNALE, JR. (ALSO ON VIDEO)**

The ghost-written autobiography of confidence trickster, forger and imposter Frank Abagnale, Jr.

## **THE RAINMAKER BY N. RICHARD NASH (ALSO ON VIDEO)**

A con man offers to bring rain to a drought-stricken community and brings love instead.

## **THE STING (ON VIDEO)**

A movie about two con artists who join forces to “sting” a Chicago crime boss.

## **SIX DEGREES OF SEPARATION BY JOHN GUARE (ALSO ON VIDEO)**

A con man poses as Sidney Poitier’s son to take advantage of a wealthy couple’s hospitality.

## **THE NIGHT OF THE HUNTER BY DAVIS GRUBB (ALSO ON VIDEO)**

The darker side of the con – an itinerant preacher, con artist and serial killer stalks and marries the wife of his prison cell mate to find his stash of stolen money.

## **THE TALENTED MR. RIPLEY BY PATRICIA HIGHSMITH (ALSO ON VIDEO)**

The first in a series of novels about an amoral con artist and serial killer.

## **THE ADVENTURES OF HUCKLEBERRY FINN BY MARK TWAIN**

During his travels down the Mississippi, Huck meets up with two grifters who execute a series of swindles.

## **AMERICAN GODS BY NEIL GAIMAN**

The battle between the Old Gods and the New Gods is run, in many ways, like a two-man con.

## **PLAYERS: CON MEN, HUSTLERS, GAMBLERS, AND SCAM ARTISTS EDITED BY GENO ZANETTI AND STEPHEN HYDE**

A collection of stories and essays about the shadow side of risk.

## **THE BIG CON: THE STORY OF THE CONFIDENCE MAN BY DAVID MAURER**

A collection of cons and schemes gathered from con artists in the 1930s.

