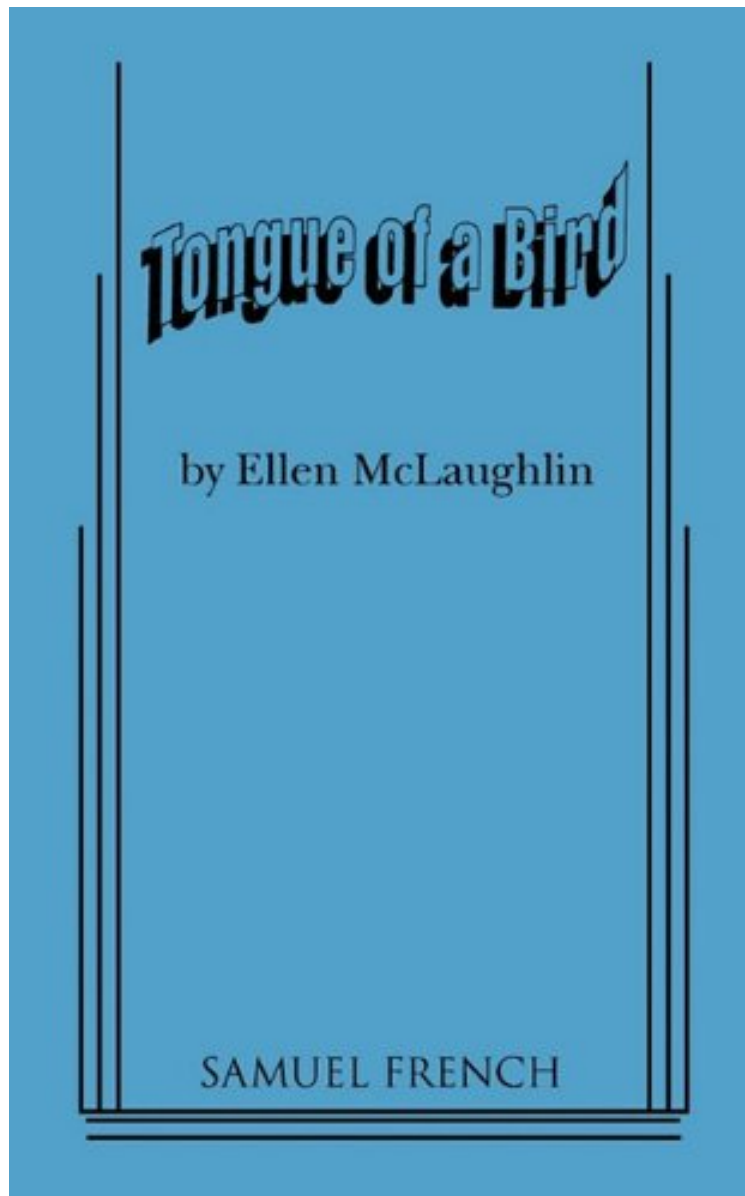


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**Ellen McLaughlin : Tongue of a Bird** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Tongue of a Bird:

Full Length, Drama Characters: 5 female Unit set. Maxine, a search and rescue pilot, returns in midwinter to her

childhood home in the Adirondacks. There she conducts a search for a girl who, while on a field trip in the mountains, was abducted by a stranger in a black pick up truck. The search lasts for three days. Each night Maxine must face the girl's distraught mother, Dessa, and her own grandmother, Zofia, a reclusive Polish refugee. In sleep, Maxine is prey to nightmares and fragmented memories of a mother who abandoned her in childhood and was lost to insanity. Cherry Jones starred Off Broadway in this powerful consideration of the notions of loss, motherhood and the vexed yearning for release. "Emotionally powerful ... and intensely satisfying." Seattle Times.

About the Author Ellen McLaughlin's plays include *Days and Nights Within*, *A Narrow Bed*, *Infinity's House* and *Tongue of a Bird*, which have been widely produced. She is a past finalist for the Susan Smith Blackburn Prize and was the co-winner of the Great American Play Contest. Also an accomplished actor, Ms. McLaughlin is most well known for having originated the part of the Angel in Tony Kushner's *Angels in America*, appearing in every U.S. production through its Broadway run.