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About the Author

Caryl Churchill (1938-) is probably the most respected woman dramatist in the English-speaking world. She is the author of some twenty plays including *Light Shining in Buckinghamshire*, *Cloud Nine*, *Top Girls*, *Serious Money*, *The Skriker*, *Blue Heart*, *Far Away* and *A Number*, seen and admired all over the world. CARYL CHURCHILL's plays include "Cloud Nine" (revived in 2007 to huge acclaim at the Almeida, London), "Top Girls", "Serious Money", "The Skriker", "Blue Heart", "Far Away" and "A Number". Most are published by NHB.

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