

# The Death of an Author: A Publishing Horror Story

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Last year Professors Deal and Beal were shocked to find that almost all of their book, *Theory for Religious Studies*, had been copied and pasted into another book, *Theory for Performance Studies*, by another author. They were even more shocked when the publisher defended the new book. They had written about the “death of the author” in theory, but now they were realizing it in practice.

Whether or not this publishing fiasco was a legal scandal, it has turned into a professional-ethical one. In the wake of an article in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, several other scholars, including Richard Schechner and Judith Butler, have begun to weigh in. Come hear Deal and Beal’s story and join the conversation.

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