

Jon Shirota

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JON SHIROTA was born in 1928 in Peahi, Maui, the sixth child of immigrant Okinawan parents. When his book **Lucky Come Hawaii** appeared in 1965, he became one of the first Asian Americans in the U.S. to publish a best-selling novel. He has also written several plays and received awards from the Rockefeller Foundation, the American College Theater Festival, the Los Angeles Actors Theater Festival of One Acts, the Los Angeles County Cultural Affairs Department, and the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission and National Endowment for the Arts.

HIS PLAYS have been produced in Honolulu, Los Angeles, New York, Tokyo, and elsewhere. His latest play, **Voices from Okinawa**, is being performed at Kumu Kahua Theatre, in downtown Honolulu, until December 6.

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