Jon Shirota
Fri., Nov. 13, 2009, 7 p.m.
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invites you to a public reading & talk by the bestselling
novelist & playwright

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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