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On Friday, December 3, 2010, USC students will attend *Next to Normal* at the Ahmanson Theatre.

The theme of the event is described in detail in the "Theme Guide" below. Also see the [Visions & Voices web site](#).

About the show: From the director of *Rent* comes *Next to Normal*, an emotional powerhouse of a musical set to a thrilling contemporary score. The show won three Tony Awards, including Best Musical Score, and the Pulitzer Prize for Drama, becoming the first musical to win that award since *Rent*. *Next to Normal* tells the story of a mother struggling with bipolar disorder and the effect it has on her family. The show opened to rave reviews in New York, with the *New York Times* calling it "much more than a feel-good musical; it is a feel-everything musical."

 [Exploring the Themes of Next to Normal](#)

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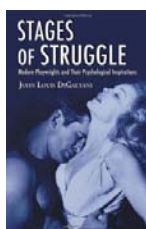
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Call Number: Music Library ML1711.P37 2008



Musical Theatre Training: The Broadway Theatre Project Handbook - Debra McWaters

Call Number: Music Library MT956.M38 2009



Stages of Struggle: Modern Playwrights and Their Psychological Inspirations - John Louis DiGaetani

Call Number: Doheny Library PS352.D54 2008



Playwrights at Work: The Paris Review [interviews] - George Plimpton, Ed.

Call Number: Doheny Library PS350.P58 2000

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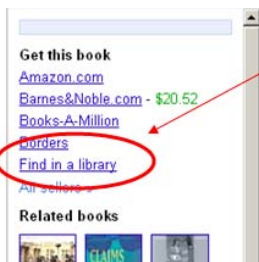
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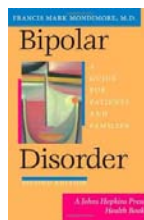
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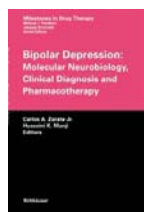
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Bipolar Disorder [e-book]: a Guide for Patients and Families - Francis Mark Mondimore

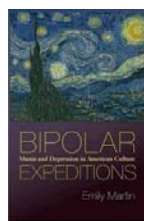
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Bipolar Depression: Molecular neurobiology, Clinical Diagnosis, and Pharmacotherapy [e-book] - Carlos A. Zarate and Hussein K. Manji, Eds.

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Bipolar expeditions: Mania and Depression in American Culture - Emily Martin

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Articles & Websites

- **Articles about Bipolar Disorder**
This list is a starting point to search across journals in the library. Also see Research Databases that will help find articles from key journals.
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